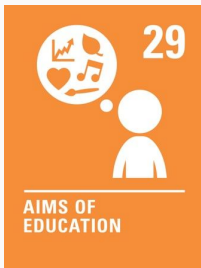


# Reception Newsletter 2

# 29th October 2024

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## Dates for your diary:

<b>Friday 1st November</b>	School Closed for INSET day
<b>Friday 8th November</b>	Black History Month Exhibition after school in the staffroom.
<b>Parents Evening</b>	Monday 4th November and Wednesday 6th November
<b>Week beginning 18th November</b>	Phonics workshops
<b>Monday 2nd December Tuesday 3rd December Wednesday 4th December Thursday 5th December Friday 6th December</b>	RS Christmas show RO Christmas show RB Christmas show RSH Christmas show RH Christmas show
<b>All shows 09:30-10:15am</b>	



# Our first half term in Reception...

'What makes me happy and healthy?' has been our focus for this half term. We have explored our emotions and become familiar with the systems that we have in school to help us with our emotions. We read Rainbow Fish and explored friendships. We have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know our new classes and their families.

## Phonics

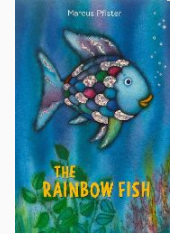
We have begun teaching phonics and have already started to learn many of our new sounds. Please look out for a phonics at home sheet that your child will bring home with their books every Friday. Thank you for your positive engagement with this already, Please do not feel that you have to return these to us, we've enjoyed the updates on Tapestry and they are intended to be a little helpful tool for you to support your child with at home.

Phase 2 correct pronunciation of sounds:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nBFnAcXHOuQ>



## Maths

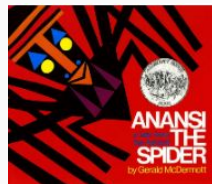
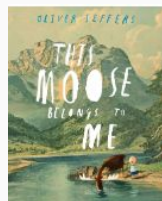
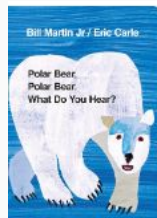
In maths, we have been subitising and using our 'fast eyes to subitise.' Subitising is the skill of being able to see how many there are in a set without having to count. Your children have been practising subitising up to 3 objects. We have explored counting and have been supporting our maths teddy Marty Maths to learn how to count. We have agreed strategies for counting such as touching one object at a time and putting objects in a line. We have also looked at grouping objects and agreed reasoning on how and why objects may be grouped.



# This half term in Reception...



This half term, our learning challenge will be 'Where in the world do animals live?' Our focus texts will be 'Polar Bear, Polar Bear,' 'The Moose Belongs to Me,' 'Anansi the Spider' and 'Stick Man.' We will explore the natural habitats of a wide range of animals and make links to our prior learning about what makes us happy and healthy and consider what animals need to be happy and healthy. We will also be preparing for our spectacular Christmas performances and will send our information about your child's part and any lines that they may need to learn early into the next half term.



As part of our learning about Black History Month, we are focusing on Floella Benjamin and her story 'Coming to England.' We have used this as a discussion point to find out more about our own backgrounds. We have really appreciated the Tapestry posts that we have received so far, please keep on uploading them as we intend to create a year group display with these.

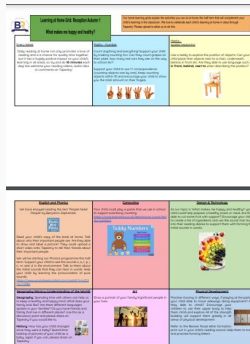
We hope to see you at the Back History Month exhibition.



# Helpful information

## Voluntary Fund

Thank you to the families who were able to donate to the voluntary fund for this term. We have used some of this to do some fruit tasting of food that Floella Benjamin mentions in Coming to England. If you would like to make a £5 voluntary contribution, you can find the link for this on School Spider.



## Learning at Home Grid

As mentioned during the curriculum induction evening, we will share a Learning at Home Grid with you every half term. We include activities that are linked to your child's learning in school and you can share these activities with us on Tapestry. We will put the Learning at Home Grid on Tapestry and the Reception page of the school website.

## Reading

We will continue to change reading books **every** Friday. Thank you for your engagement and support with your child's reading- it really does make such a huge difference! As it is an INSET day on Friday 1st, we will change reading books on **Thursday 31st October**.



You will receive Oxford Owl login details to access some online phonic reading books. The details can be found on Tapestry and stuck inside your child's reading planner.

## Phonics Workshops **Monday-Friday 09:00-10:00am during the week beginning of Monday 18th November**

More information will be sent out in a separate letter. Whilst there will be a class specific date, wherever possible, we will be able to offer some flexibility to enable parents and their children to attend with an alternative class.

