



Year R Learning Letter

Friday 9th February 2024

Edition No. 9

Welcome to our last learning letter for this half term. This marks the halfway point of your child's journey in Reception and we are so proud of the progress they have all made so far. We wanted to thank you all for your continued enthusiasm and wish you a happy half term break. We hope you all have a lovely holiday and return to school refreshed!

We have had a great day together at Betchworth today and hope the children tell you all about the many vehicles they have seen. A big thank you to all of our visitors for sharing their vehicles with us.

During the first week after the half term break, we will learn about people who help us. If you have a job that involves helping people, and are able to come and talk to the children for just 10 minutes about your job, we would love to hear from you. Please email info@northdowns.surrey.sch.uk and mark it to the attention of Ms Morgan, or Mrs Cobbold. During the second week back, we will be germinating seeds as part of our learning around Jasper's Beanstalk. With this in mind, please could you provide a named plastic bottle, with the top cut off, to be used as planters.

Over the last 2 weeks we have...

- Talked about our hopes and dreams in Jigsaw
- Developed our mathematical language using stem sentences with 'more than' and 'fewer than'
- Continued learning phase 3 letters and sounds, and tricky words
- Recorded our samba dance for the NDPS Glitter Ball Challenge
- Compared old and new cars
- Enjoyed seeing an old bus, and a selection of interesting cars on Transport Day

After the half term break, we will...

- Learn about people who help us
- Continue to learn phase 3 digraphs and trigraphs
- Talk about ordinal numbers in Maths
- Share the story of Jasper's Beanstalk
- Share the story of Jack and the Beanstalk
- Look for changes from winter to spring
- Plant seeds and bulbs, and learn about the growing process
- In R.E. We will think about what makes our world special for us and for others

Reading

Please remember to listen to your child read every day as this is so important in helping them to develop confidence and fluency. You will be amazed at how quickly they progress with just 5-10 minutes of daily reading!

Amazing fact...a child who hears 5 stories a day at 5 years old will have been exposed to over a million words!

We hope you enjoy accessing the ebooks available on Bug Club, using the login details shared with you at parent's evening. These should be used in addition to the paper books sent home, rather than as a replacement.

Reminders

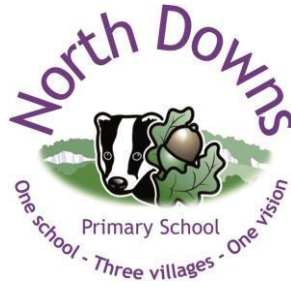
- Please send in a water bottle every day
- No water bottles in book bags please

Wanted

- Any seeds or bulbs we can plant out
- Spare tights for Robins please
- Junk modelling resources, nothing bigger than a cereal box please.

The Tiger Who Came To Tea

Thank you to everyone who has already made payment towards our theatre trip. Just a gentle reminder that payment can be made in instalments, as per the letter sent 11th January. We have attached a copy of the letter for your reference.



Be the best you can be, every day

RE: Reception Trip to The Hawth Theatre

We have arranged for the Reception children to have a trip to The Hawth Theatre in Crawley on Friday 3rd May 2024 to watch a production of "The Tiger who came to Tea".

All children will need to be at the Betchworth base for the whole day. We will leave for the theatre shortly after lunch and travel by coach, returning around 3pm. If your child normally has a school lunch, this will be provided at Betchworth as usual.

No child will be excluded from the visit, but we do ask for a contribution of £20 per child to cover the cost of transport and tickets to the show. With the cost of the trip in mind, we are proposing that payments can be made in full or in instalments as follows;

31/01/24 Deposit of £5

29/02/24 Payment of £5

28/03/24 Payment of £5

19/04/24 Balance of £5

Please make your payment and complete the permission form online via your Scopay account [Login \(scopay.com\)](#). Unfortunately, without sufficient contributions, the trip may not be able to go ahead.

Should you have any queries or need any further information, please contact us at school.

Yours sincerely

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