



# Reception Newsletter

Copthorne Primary School

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## Welcome back!

Welcome back! We hope you all had a lovely holiday. We are looking forward to the new half term, as there are lots of exciting things ahead. We would like to thank you all for your continuous support in making sure all children wear the correct uniform, complete and hand in their homework, practise their bear words, practise their handwriting and phonics at home. All of these things are essential to your child's progress.

During our English lessons, we have been discussing the importance of being healthy through diet, exercise and sleeping well. We will be thinking about ourselves and how we can make ourselves feel better, and achieve the best we can. We have tried a variety of different foods, and have been encouraging the children to describe both the taste and appearance, encouraging them to use their bear words to enhance their sentences. We are having a big focus on enhancing the children's writing through the proper use of phonics, tricky and decodable words. We are encouraging the children to form their letters correctly, and start to use basic forms of punctuation, such as finger spaces, full stops and capitol letters. Again your help with this at home in their homework books is greatly appreciated.

Throughout this half term, in our Maths lessons, we will be learning about subitising (how to separate a number into smaller groups, how to group different small numbers and how to easily recognise an amount just by looking at it). We will be looking at length, the use of money and basic time. We have sent out a letter about our Maths workshop on **Monday 5th March 8:40—9:50am**, it would be extremely beneficial for you and your child for you to attend.

As Scientists we will be focusing on plants, their features and how they grow.

In PE, we are developing our skills, learning how to throw, catch and play a two person game. The children are really engaged in our PE lessons and have been learning about the science of how our body works when we exercise.

If you have any queries about your child's education, please feel free to make an appointment by speaking to us.

*Miss Holmes & Miss Birchall*



This half term we will be starting our exciting topic 'Food Glorious Food'. It looks at being healthy. Foods that can help us, and having a healthy lifestyle.

We are also looking at growing, and the lifecycles of a seed. The children have planted their own seeds, and hopefully we will be able to successfully grow cress, lettuce and flowers.

## Reminders

### Homework

World Book Day is Thursday 1st March—dress as a character from a book.

Reception's key book is Charlie Cook's Favourite Book by Julia Donaldson

All homework, whether this be written or practising their reading, is distributed every Tuesday and Thursday and should be returned and completed to a high standard by the following morning. Word books will be completed throughout the week, approximately twice with each child. The activities set all relate to and support your child's current learning in class.

Please encourage your child to keep their books in a good condition, as this will help them take pride in their work.

**Please access ParentHub and search for Reception's channel  
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### PE Times

#### Nutmeg Class

Tuesday and Thursday

#### Hazel Class

Wednesday and Friday

**Please ensure that your child is sent to school with their FULL labelled PE kit on these days. This includes trainers or pumps.**

