

# Mary Anning Autumn Term Newsletter

## Welcome to Mary Anning Reception Class

The children are beginning to settle well into the classroom and are enjoying whole school experiences at playtimes and during assemblies.

During the Autumn Term we will be concentrating on gaining confidence to use the school environment independently. We will also be getting used to the classroom routines and boundaries.

The seven areas of our learning will be explored through topics including;

- Who am I?
- What is Autumn?
- How do we celebrate Christmas?



After completing our initial Baseline observations, in order to get to know the children better, we will be introducing reading and writing through our phonic learning sessions. We will also be looking at counting, recognising and confidently using numbers to 10 and talking about 2D and 3D shapes.



## How parents can support their child in Mary Anning Reception Class?

- ❖ In Mary Anning Reception class you can help your child to consolidate their phonic work by completing their sound book with them each evening.



- Listening to and talking about sounds in the environment
- Reinforcing the letter sound and the Jolly Phonics action that accompanies it.
- Playing sound games such as 'I Spy'.
- Looking for initial letter sounds in words that they can see and hear.

As the children increase their phonic knowledge they will be regularly provided with scheme reading books from school. These will encourage children to use their phonic knowledge to segment and blend sounds together to hear whole words.

If you can share this book with your child **for 5 minutes every day** this will consolidate their phonic learning considerably. Children who are heard read regularly progress through the reading scheme more quickly than those who do little or no reading at home.

Children will sometimes bring home flash cards with 'tricky words' such as 'are' and 'come'. Words which are not easy to sound out phonetically. These should be exposed to your child regularly. This could be through making the words using magnetic letters or by encouraging them to write in condensation at bath time or with chalk outside.

### Recording Learning At Home

- ❖ As the term progresses I will provide parents with 'Little Star Vouchers' to complete at home. Feel free to record any achievements, learning or things that have made you proud in any of the seven areas of learning. This helps us to build a bigger picture of them as learners and contributes to the completion of their EYFS profile at the end of the year. These will be coming soon.



### Workshop Dates

You are invited to join Mrs Russell for two introductory workshop sessions. These sessions will provide you with the opportunity to learn more about these areas of learning and to see some of the materials and resources used in the teaching of these subjects.

- Introduction to Reading in Reception      Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> September    9.00- 9.30 am
- Introduction to Mathematics in Reception    Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> September    9.00-9.30 am