

Donations

We are always very grateful for any donations that you can give us in Reception.

We would like:

- Old pots or pans for our mud kitchen
- Spare clothing
- Recycling materials for our creative area (cardboard boxes, tubes, plastic pots etc)
- Any toys or dressing up clothes that are no longer used.

Outdoor play

The weather is very interchangeable at the moment so please make sure your child is prepared for all weather as they will still be outside no matter what.

Please make sure your child's name is written in all clothing, shoes, wellies etc. especially jumpers as children will take them off throughout the day.

It is near impossible to find lost items again if there is no name in them.



Home Learning

Please continue to support your children's learning at home.

You can do this by:

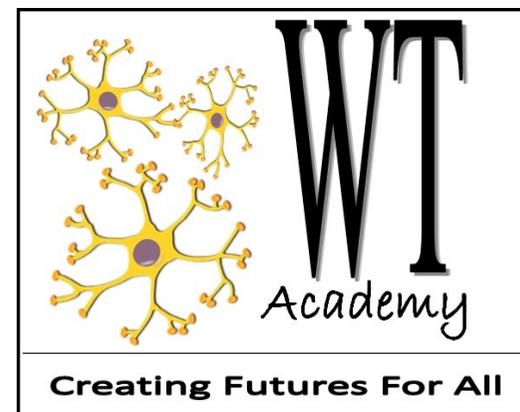
- **Reading with your child every day.**
Remember to talk about the story they are reading, ask them questions about what has happened? What might happen next? What characters they like best and why?
- **Handwriting practice**
Continue to practice writing their name in cursive correctly forming each letter.
- **Number practice**
Continue to practice number recognition and ordering. We work with numbers to 20.
- **Homework**
The children have been working very hard with completing their homework. When your child gets sent home with phonics or number practice can you please keep them to practice with at home. Homework is set on the Friday of each week and is due in the following Wednesday.

As always if you have any questions or problems please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you for your continuing support.
Mrs Little, Miss Rodgers, Miss Sevil, Miss Robinson, Miss Dunbar and Mrs Ceres.

WEST THORNTON PRIMARY ACADEMY

Curriculum Newsletter Autumn Term



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Autumn Term 2018

We have had a great few days making sure that the children have been settling in well and have been focusing on learning the rules of the classroom. We will shortly be moving on to start our first topic.

This half term we will be focusing on: Bears and looking at the question: **Who is down in the woods today?**

We will be focusing on reading and retelling Michael Rosen's 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' where the children will sequence the story and create their own bear hunt maps. We will also be looking at different types of bears, such as pandas and brown bears, and encouraging children to describe them.

We will also look at different stories such as 'Where's My Teddy?' and 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears'. Here we will encourage children to order bears by size and give them the opportunity to role play in the three bears house.

Following on from half term we will be starting a new topic called: **Who am I?** During this topic we will be looking at what makes us special, who is in our family and who can help us if we are sad.

After our nursery rhyme topic we will spend a lot of time looking at the question: **Who is the Cat in the Hat?** We will be learning all about Dr Seuss' story 'The Cat in the Hat'. We will also look at rhyme and create our own rhyming hats.

Reading

This term your child will be sent home with a reading book of their own choice every day. We really encourage you to read this book with your child every evening and ask questions about what you have read. These questions might be 'How do you think the character feels?', 'Where is the title?', 'Who is the author?'. Please can you also ensure your child is holding the book correctly, turning the page and also looking at all the pages. Please also have a look out for tricky words—these are words that cannot be sounded out and the children just have to learn them by sight.



Numeracy

This term we are focusing on ordering and recognising numbers. Your child should be working on ordering 0-20 and also recognising the numerals 0-20. We will also be looking at counting with 1 to 1 correspondence so encourage your child to count objects at home making sure they point to one object and say one number.

2D shapes will also be a big focus this term and we will be making sure that the children know the names of the 2D shapes and that the children can talk about the properties.



Dates for your diary

Inset Day (school closed for children)

Friday 19th October 2018

Half Term Holiday

Monday 22nd October 2018—Friday 2nd November 2018

Back to school

Monday 5th November 2018

Parents Evening

Thursday 15th November 2018

End of Autumn term

Friday 21st December 2018



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