



# Shakespeare Primary School and Nursery

## Reception Newsletter Autumn Term 2 2021

### Don't Forget...

- Please ensure your child brings their book bag to school everyday. We are teaching your child the skills to become readers. Please look at their home reading book together and encourage them to blend the words.
- Please use your Tapestry account so that we can share with each other your child's WOW learning moments from home and school.
- Every Monday, slides to support your child's learning in Phonics will be posted to Tapestry. Please use these to help you support your child's reading and writing at home.
- Also, each week on Tapestry you will find a Word Mat explaining the vocabulary we will be teaching your child in school that week. Please reinforce the words with the children at home to help retain them.
- Lots of our exciting moments are tweeted. Follow us at @shakespearels9

### Important Dates

- School closes for a two-week break on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December
- School reopens at 8:40am on January 2022
- Reception Diwali celebration – Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> November
- School photographs (individual and sibling) Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> November
- We would like to invite all families to share their favourite family stories on Tapestry! Please post on Tapestry to share your story with us...if you could attach a video it would be amazing but a photograph would be lovely too.

### Our Learning Project for Autumn One is...Tell me a Story

This project has been developed to focus on the children's ability to tell stories. We have selected some traditional tales to explore the children's interests in kings and queens as well as noted interest in roleplay characters, particularly dragons or dinosaurs as seen through boys' play with outdoor models. Traditional tales have a clear beginning, middle and end structure which support the early maths concept of time which will be explored during this half term. Our traditional tales have been selected to include stories from other cultures and diverse authors, supporting our school's Golden Themes and continuing the children's journey through our Curriculum of Excellence from the Heart of Leeds. The theme of 'Tell me a Story' will support children's understanding of locational knowledge and explore story settings such as the woodland, giving the children an ability to compare their local urban environment with other natural features of the world.

#### Other Areas of Learning

- Maths – Representation, comparing and composition of numbers 4 and 5, introducing zero, measuring time and calculating one more and one less.
- PE – continue to develop fundamental movement skills, progressing in fluency, speed and developing body strength, coordination and balance.
- Art – exploring clay as a material and learning the slip and score technique to join.
- Phonics – we will finish Letters and Sounds Phase 2 and begin Phase 3 in week three of the half term. Please keep checking Tapestry weekly for support to help you continue your child's phonics learning at home.

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