**Clover Hill Primary School**

**Autumn 2 – 2023 – Reception Class**

Dear Parents,

We hope you all enjoyed your half term break, we have had a very busy and successful start to the new half term!

**Reading** - Reading books will be changed each Friday if your child has shared their book with you at least three times, please add a brief dated comment in your child's “Home Links” each time your child reads.

Thank you very much for the support you give your child in learning their Tricky Words and in supporting the development of their phonic knowledge. We are really pleased with how the children are getting on. Please ensure the Home Links book, reading book and Early Reading Pack come into school each day. Thank you!

**Seesaw** - We hope you are all enjoying the Seesaw app that we are using to show you a little snap shot of school life. Please remember you can always send us a photo of your child learning at home too, they may be learning to ride their bike, exploring the local area on a walk, completing a jigsaw, playing a family game or anything else that you would like to share with us! We love to see what the children enjoy doing at home!

**P.E. -** Everyone has embraced our P.E. sessions and seem to be really enjoying them! P.E sessions continue to be each Wednesday, please send your child into school dressed in their kit.

**Jumpers and Cardigans -** To enable the children to choose whether they work outside or inside during our ‘Busy Jobs’ time, the classroom doors are open all day. Consequently, our classroom gets a bit chilly at this time of year. Please ensure that your children wear a school jumper or cardigan to school each day and that they bring a coat. As the weather gets cooler please send hats and mittens or gloves. (A plea, if your child finds putting gloves on difficult could you opt to send mittens, putting on 30 pairs of gloves can be rather time consuming!)

**Lunches -** Menus will continue to be sent home each Friday for you to complete and return each Monday.

Many thanks for your continued support, please catch one of the team if you have any queries or email us receptionclass@cloverhill.school

Mrs. Gamble, & Mrs. Johnson - Early Years Team

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| Bonfire Night Week 1Firework safetyFirework captionsFirework picturesUsing instruments to represent fireworksAll about 5, counting objects, recognising and ordering numbers, pairs of numbers that make 5, writing numbers to 5Daily phonics | Parties and CelebrationsWeeks 2, 3 and 4Reading stories about parties and celebrationsWriting listsMaking and writing cards and invitationsCreating party decorationsParty role playComparing and ordering quantities; using mathematical vocabulary1 more than / 1 less thanDaily phonics |
| ChristmasWeeks 5, 6 and 7 Christmas listsLetter to SantaChristmas storySanta’s Workshop role playCards & calendarsSorting by different criteriaTime—sequencing familiar activities, “My Day”, using a one minute timerDaily phonics Dates for your DiaryMonday 13th, Wednesday 15th, Thursday 16th November —Parents’ Evenings, thank you for booking your appointments. Monday 11th, Tuesday 12th and Thursday 14th December—Christmas Nativity - more information to follow (all shows @ 2.00pm) Wednesday 13th December—Whole school visit to the panto! We will be watching Jack and the Beanstalk at The Empire Theatre, Consett—more information to follow.       |  To support our work, please email a photo of a family celebration– this could be a birthday, a wedding, a special anniversary, Christmas or anything that has been cause for celebration in your family! We will ask the children to share these photos with the rest of the class. Please email your photo to receptionclass@cloverhill.school  Last week—Take it Outside Day—wear own clothes and bring wellies—date to be confirmed nearer the time Tuesday 19th December.—Christmas party—Children are invited to wear their party clothes / Christmas jumpers all day. School will provide juice and a party snack |

Ways in which you can help your child at home

Your child’s day in Reception is filled with fun and exciting learning opportunities and we are sure they must come home very tired after such a busy day. It is for this reason that we do not set formal homework tasks. However, if you feel that your child would enjoy and benefit from some additional activities, the following list may be of use. You will notice that many of these suggestions are play based. This is very much in line with the way children learn in school.

**In school, we will continue to focus on children’s pencil grip and letter formation. Your support with this at home is very beneficial and appreciated.**

Reading

Daily practice of Early Reading Pack activities where possible. (5/10 minutes per night.) **It is beneficial to your child if they read their book at least three times over the week.**

Spotting and recognising letters around home and when out and about.

Listening to bedtime stories read by an adult.

Writing

Writing name (capital first letter then all lower case).

Forming letters in sand, playdough, shaving foam.

Writing name on birthday cards / thank you cards.

Playing schools—making registers etc.

Helping to writing shopping lists.

Playing “I spy” during car journeys.

Maths

Counting the stairs to bed.

Singing number rhymes e.g. Five Little Ducks.

Counting sweets, toys.

Laying the table for tea and counting how many plates etc are needed.

Playing with real money from a purse and playing shops.

Pouring and filling in the bath—how many cups will fill the jug?

Giving children directions to find hidden items - e.g look beside the book.

Talk about significant times of the day e.g. 8 o’clock = time to get dressed.