

Reception Newsletter

Autumn Term 2021

Welcome to Scargill School and the Reception Department

What a busy start to life at Scargill school. We have been up to lots of learning and activities. Here are a few of the things we have been up to for the times when you hear: 'I didn't do nothing today' or the other classic 'I don't know.'

Physical Development

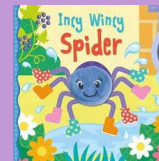


This has been a real highlight of our week developing our skills with a focus on agility and balance whilst strengthening our core too.

Bike & Scooter Day was another fantastic opportunity to see us develop our skills; including weaving through the slalom and down the ramp to the braking zone.



English



We've really enjoyed creating our own innovated versions of Jack & Jill and Incy Wincy Spider—who knew a crab or a frog could climb a water spout?!

Bread Making



We have mixed our own ingredients and shaped our own bread; following the instructions carefully to be successful.

Autumn Hunt



Getting out and about in the school grounds hunting for seasonal changes. We loved every second of it! We will be back out and about to see how this looks in Winter too.

Expressive Arts



We have linked our art with our learning about Autumn to explore colour mixing with an Autumnal theme—it was great fun!

What we have planned for the children...

Autumn Term 2 is one of the best terms at school. The children are well into their learning routines and really start to enjoy school life even more. The cold weather doesn't stop us going outside still so we will wrap up warm and continue our learning both indoors and outdoors. With the run up to Christmas in December we really make the most of this time of the year and tailor our approach to incorporate all the fun and magical moments into their school experience. As well as all things Christmas we will be exploring traditional tales, working with numbers up to 10, comparing 1 more and 1 less, developing our coordination in PE and finding out more about the seasons and the world around us (past and present). Lots to look forward to!

How you can help at home...

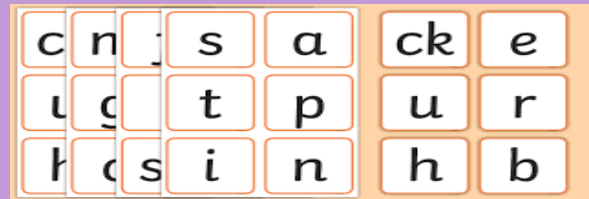
With the colder weather out come the thicker winter coats. Sometimes in Reception we find these a bit harder to pull through sleeves and some of the buttons/zips are often a bit tougher too. Taking the time to help your child with this will really help them feel more independent when they are at school. Additionally, buttons on school tops is another good thing to practise as it helps us manage ourselves whilst getting changed for PE; and is something we aim to achieve.

Reading Books



Frequent reading in taught sessions at school is well underway and is going really well. Before the children bring their books home they read the next book three times with an adult in school to help them. We look at the reading diaries as we change the books to help us know if there are any further areas to target so all information you write is good information to us—thank you!

Phonics Packs



In Autumn 2 the children will gain their next sets of graphemes (written sounds). These will include digraphs (2 letters making 1 sound). It is important the children recognize what sound the letters make together so keeping up practicing will really help them in the classroom too.

Some key events for Autumn 2...

Individual School Photographs—17th November

Parents Curriculum Evening— TBC

Christmas Party—TBC—Children can wear party clothes for the day

Church Visit— 20th December

Nativity Performance— W/C—13th December—TBC