

Reception News

Autumn 1 Week 8 - 23rd October 2026

What have we been learning?

- ◆ This week we have been recapping all of the sounds that we have learned during our Phonics sessions this half-term. We will start learning some more graphemes (sounds) as soon as we come back after the holidays.
- ◆ In Maths we have been listening to a story about “**Freddie 4**” and learning how to write the number 4 correctly. We have also been thinking about repeating patterns. We have looked at some simple patterns made with shapes/colours/objects. Each time, we tried hard to work out the ‘pattern rule’. Then we used these pattern rules to help us to continue each pattern.
- ◆ We have also been recapping everything that we have been learning during our “**I am Special**” theme for this half-term. Our teachers were very impressed because we have remembered so much!

Homework

Literacy

- Continue to practise recognising the sight words in the clear packets.
- Recap on all of our sounds in the purple Sound Book. Please can you use this to recap on all of the sounds which we have taught during this half-term. *Can your child identify the sounds in their sound book? Can they think of any words that contain those sounds?*
- *Please continue to make a comment about your child's reading every week.*

Maths

- Practise forming **Freddie 4** in the yellow “Between Us” book & on the “Ten Town” website.
- See if your child can make some simple repeating patterns (with 2 or 3 variables).

Time to Celebrate!

We would like to get a picture of the traditions, customs and celebrations your child participates in across the year - this is a huge help us with completing your child's EYFS Profile towards the end of their time with us. As such, we would really appreciate it if you could fill in one of the enclosed sheets for your child at appropriate times and send it back to us to include in their Learning Journeys. *With Halloween & Bonfire Night both coming up in the next couple of weeks, we thought it might be a good time to send these home!*

We are happy to provide more of these “**Time to Celebrate**” sheets during the course of the school year, should you need them. (They are also available to download in the Files section of the Reception page on DB Primary)

It was lovely to be able to speak with you all at our drop in **Parents' Evenings** this of this week and to be able to tell you all about how your child is settling into life here at Shincliffe.

Thank you so much for making the time to speak to us & to look at your child's work.

Can you believe we are at the end of the first half term? The children have done so well; settling in, learning new routines and coping with long days and they have learnt so much in the seven and a bit weeks that we have been at school. Congratulations to them and to you as their parents/carers for such positive support. There are a few little homework jobs to do but it is just as important for them to enjoy lovely days out if they have the chance.

Happy half term!

Mrs Short, Miss Graham & Mrs Dietz