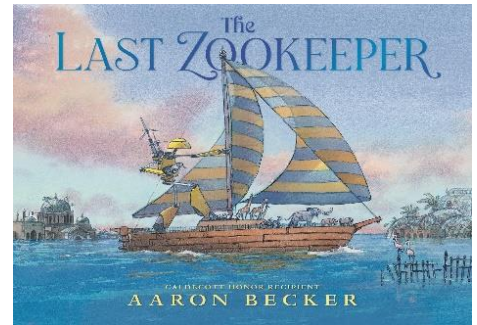


Reception Newsletter - Autumn 1

We are excited to welcome you to Halstow Primary School this week! This term our theme will be 'All about me'. Within this theme we will share who we are, what is important to us and what makes each of us unique and special. In addition to this theme, we will also be taking part in the Compass Literacy project based upon the book 'The Last Zookeeper' by Aaron Becker. Our focus during the Autumn term will be on building relationships and settling into daily routines. We will introduce the children to phonics and at Halstow we follow the Little Wandle scheme. You can find out more about this here:



[For parents | Letters and Sounds \(littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk\)](http://littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk)

Here is a selection of texts we will share during the term 🌸



We follow the Little Wandle Phonics Scheme.

These are the sounds we will be learning this half term:

- ❖ s, a, t, p
- ❖ i, n, m, d
- ❖ g, o, c, k
- ❖ ck, e, u, r
- ❖ h, b, f, l

We follow the White Rose Scheme of Learning, alongside NCETM Maths Mastery for our Maths Curriculum. Here are the areas covered this term:

- ❖ Promoting independence in self-selection of maths resources during child-initiated play
- ❖ Matching and sorting
- ❖ Comparing amount
- ❖ Comparison of size, mass, and capacity
- ❖ Exploring and understanding the cardinality of number

As we promote healthy eating in school; we don't give out birthday treats. We will still celebrate your child's birthday at school 😊

Please remember to label all your child's property such as water bottles and coats so they can locate their possessions.

Please send your child in wearing comfortable clothing, such as leggings or jogging bottoms and a t-shirt, on Wednesdays for Mr Mentlak & Thursdays for Mrs Mertens (as we will be having PE sessions).

We are hoping to plan a series of exciting trips to support and enhance our curriculum this year. In order to enable us to do so, we kindly request that you donate, if possible, through the product section of MCAS.

Donations welcome for the following items please:

Flour, salt, food colouring, junk modelling materials such as toilet roll tubes, boxes, bottle lids etc. dolls clothes, small world people, chalk, craft materials such as sequins, pom poms, glitter etc.

If you have any questions, you can contact us through the office at hscontact@halstow.compassps.uk and it will be redirected to the relevant person. Please note White Rose don't produce pupil workbooks for Reception. Suggestions for how you can support your child with maths at home can be found in the information handbook.

Kind regards,
The Reception Team