



Reception Newsletter

Autumn 2

November 2023



A great start to Autumn 2!

It has been wonderful to see the children so happy to return to school this half term, they have all settled back into school really well. Our theme of learning this half term will be 'Celebrations'. We will be exploring the Hindu celebration of Diwali as well as Christmas later on in the term. We will also learn about Remembrance Day and raise money for Children in Need. We will also be celebrating our most favourite stories and authors. Your children are in colour groups and they will be invited to bring in their favourite story book on a set week (see dates below).

Communication, Language and Literacy

This half term we will be using a range of wonderful books to celebrate our favourite stories and to learn about different celebrations. The children really enjoyed learning the story of Rama and Sita for Diwali. Over the next few weeks, we will be sharing the stories of The Gruffalo, Aliens love Underpants, The Christmas story and sharing the children's favourite books for story time.

Phonics

Each week your children will continue to learn a set of graphemes (letters) and phonemes (sounds). A new letter is taught each day, with a review on Friday. Each grapheme has a mnemonic and formation phase to help the children remember it. More information about phonics and how it is taught, can be found on the school website.

Mathematics

This half term, our focus of learning will be on representing numbers to 5 and their composition. We will compare, sort and find different ways of making the numbers. We will learn about more and less, shapes with 4 sides and finally we will explore time, specifically using language to describe our daily routines and begin to measure time in simple ways.

Reading

A big thank you to all those of you who take the time to listen to your children read and share stories together. The children gain so much from practising their reading skills and enjoying books at home with you! It really does make a difference.

The children are all taking part in reading practice sessions at school. You will be receiving more information about this next week.

PE

This half term, our unit focus is Gymnastics. We will be developing confidence in fundamental movements. The children will experience jumping, sliding, rolling and moving over and under apparatus. A focus will also be on developing our co-ordination and gross motor skills.

Understanding the World

Over this half term, we will learn about a range of celebrations and how they are prepared and celebrated. We will continue to learn about our seasons and explore the changes that happen from Autumn into Winter. We will learn about various animals and where they live. As the festive season approaches, we will be thinking about how it is celebrated and changes over the years.

Expressive Arts and Design

We will continue to follow the Kapow scheme with a focus on exploring paint and painting techniques through nature, music and collaborative work. We will also be developing our creativity through child-led exploration of mixed-media, making collages and transient art.

Celebrating our favourite books!

As part of our theme this half term, we are asking the children (one colour group at a time) to bring in their most favourite story from home. We will then share the stories each day as part of our story time. Your child will know their colour group, but please feel free to check with your class teacher if unsure.

Red Group – week commencing 13.11.23

Orange Group – week commencing 20.11.23

Yellow Group – week commencing 27.11.23

Green Group – week commencing 04.12.23

Blue Group – week commencing 11.12.23

Dates for the Diary

15th November Parent consultation 3.30pm-6pm

17th November Children in Need

22nd November Parent consultation 3.30pm-6pm

8th December Christmas jumper day

13th December Christmas Fair after school

13th December EYFS & Year 1 Nativity 9.15am (EYFS Parents)

15th December EYFS Festive Party

20th December Xmas Panto

21st December Last day of term Christmas Dinner day

If you have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to ask.
Best wishes,

The Reception Team 🌟