

Reception Newsletter



THIS HALF TERM

Welcome back to the second half of our autumn term! We hope you have all had a restful break. This half term we will be exploring significant individuals and events. We will explore these through various themes such as bonfire night, space, remembrance and Christmas.



Our curriculum:

Our artist this half term will be Van Gogh and we will recreate using the style of Starry Night over the weeks.

Our RE learning looks at the theme 'what is Christmas?'
As we continue to develop our speech and language, please encourage us to speak in extended and clear sentences.



Home Learning:



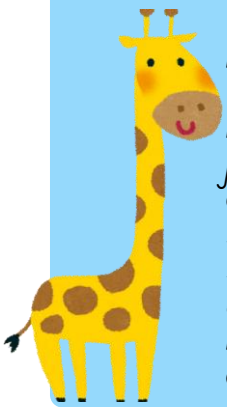
- Some children now have a blending book as well as a picture book and these will get changed as soon as the children are able to blend a majority of the words in the book (without relying on the pictures).
- If your child does not yet have a blending book then please continue to help them to recognise the sounds that are printed at the front of their reading record. As soon as the children can identify these sounds then they will be able to try to put these together and blend them into words.

Forest school:

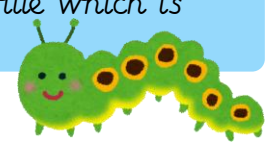
- Each Monday afternoon every child will be given the opportunity to join in our exciting 'Forest Schools' activity sessions which take place in our school fields on site. Please make sure that your child has named wellies in school so that they can take part. We will be completing activities such as den building, nature watching, digging and mud-pie making.

PE:





Reception will continue to have their PE hall slot on a **Tuesday** morning each week. Please ensure that your child comes to school in their PE kit (Pale blue/white t shirt and navy shorts with trainers) on this day. They may wear jogging bottoms on top of their PE kit (dark coloured please) and a plain coloured sweatshirt/hooded jumper. Please remember to label all clothing that is sent to school. Earrings must be removed for your child to take part in PE sessions; if your child cannot remove their own earrings school staff cannot do it for them. We would advise no jewellery to be worn to school on any day. Please make sure that children have access to their own water bottle which is also clearly named.





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Our Maths:

In maths, we continue to develop our understanding of numbers 1,2,3, 4 and 5. We will be working on our skills of subitising. We will also look at the shapes circles, triangles and shapes with 4 sides.



Our Literacy:

In literacy we will be exploring the following texts and themes:

- Neil Armstrong (facts)
- Remembrance (Poppy, Poppy poetry)
- Look Up!
- Rajiv's Starry Feelings
- Aliens Love Underpants
- Poetry - Twas the Night Before Christmas
- Aliens Love Santa Paws



Phonics:



- We will also continue to work through Read, Write Inc in our phonics. Please keep an eye on our class dojo for our words and sounds of the week as we go through them.
- We focus on blending sounds together to read words.

Classroom routines:

- We will be getting into the routines of Brilliant Brushers this half term. Please support the process by ensuring water bottles do not have any juice in them and are just water.
- Children are able to select juice for a drink at lunch time.



Other notes:



Please continue to upload any wonderful things you do at home onto Evidence Me to support a rounded picture of the children's progress across the Early Years curriculum.

