



Reception Autumn 2 parent leaflet



Our overarching theme: Festivals & celebrations

Our learning this half term:

This term we will be learning about Festivals and celebrations including Diwali, Firework night and the Christmas story.

Our whole class Phonics focus will be to learn the Phase 2 phonemes and begin to form them in our mark making. We will be doing lots of oral blending and segmenting of words, as well as providing lots of opportunities to write for a purpose.

In Maths we will be developing our understanding of numbers up to 5 by thinking about their representations and composition. We will continue to build on our subitising skills (knowing a number without having to count it's representation), as well as investigating circles, triangles, rectangles and squares.

In P.E the children will be developing their spatial awareness and gross motor skills. The children will have the opportunity to use the big outside garden daily to develop their core strength. They will also have lots of opportunities to develop their fine motor skills. We will also be practising and performing our Christmas production.

Key dates:

- P.E for both classes will be every Friday (starting Friday 3rd November)
- Parents evening 8th & 9th November (details to be sent out via parent mail)
- Flu immunisations 13th November (details to be sent out via parent mail)
- School photos 14th November (individual & siblings)
- Christmas play 6th December 1:30pm
- Last day of term 19th December



Updates for Autumn 2

P.E lessons will be on Friday. Please ensure children come to school dressed in their PE kit and trainers. They will stay in their PE kit for the whole day, so please ensure it is appropriate for the weather (e.g. trousers, school PE t-shirt and jacket). Our lessons will take place outdoors due to ongoing building work.

Lending Library: Our Lending Library will take place every other Tuesday for each class. Parents/carers will be invited in early from **3pm** to choose a story sack or game to take home together with your child. Look out for a post on Dojo for details of when this will begin.

Phonic workbooks: Each Friday your child will bring home their Phonic workbook. This will contain an information sheet detailing the sounds the children have been learning that week. There will be opportunities to practise letter formation as well as read words. Please could the workbooks be returned on **Wednesday**.

PTA: Don't forget to support the PTA where you can. This term we have been able to buy some beautiful resources with the money that was raised last year. We have purchased a new basketball hoop for our PE lessons, an outdoor speaker for our stage, as well as new equipment for our outdoor & Maths learning. Thank you PTA!

Useful ways to support learning at home:

- Regular reading 3x weekly. Please encourage your child to read their book more than once- this will develop their sight reading, pace & fluency.
- Look out for our weekly Maths updates on your child's portfolio. Board games are a really great way of practising the skill of subitising!
- Please support your child to complete their Phonics work book each week.

Please could we encourage that all toys/comforters are left at home unless it has been agreed by a member of the EYFS team.

Thank you

