

Autumn Term 2nd Half 2018 - Reception

Welcome back to a very busy half term! It's the run up to Christmas, the evenings are dark, the mornings are dark and the weather is unpredictable and yet, it's the best time of year in school! We are thrilled to welcome the children back to school and have been extremely impressed with how settled they are already. Well done children!

Topic

'Festivals and Celebrations' is an amazing topic! We will be celebrating Diwali, Hannukah, Thanksgiving, St Andrew's day and Christmas. We have already covered Bonfire Night and Remembrance Sunday. The children have made some beautiful poppies which have been displayed in our classrooms.

We will be looking at different cultures and how these festivals are traditionally celebrated.

We may be trying some food from different cultures so would remind you to inform school of any allergies or intolerances.

Mathematics

Focus areas will be;

To recognise, name and begin to describe 3D shapes.

To recognise and order numbers to 10, 20 and beyond.

To begin to use simple addition and subtraction.

To create patterns using two or more items.

To begin to use Numicon effectively.

Reading books

Please ensure your child has their reading book and reading record in school every day. Staff will listen to the children read and change books over the course of the week. **Please sign your child's reading record book each time they have read at home.**

Literacy

We are continuing to teach phonics. The children will be encouraged to use their phonic knowledge to read simple words and begin to write them. The children will have opportunity to write letters, menus, cards and their weekend news. We are also focussing on handwriting and pencil grip.

ADVANCED NOTICE!

'WHOOPS-A-DAISY ANGEL - EYFS PRODUCTION - DECEMBER 2018 - DATES WILL BE RELEASED ASAP!

PE

We are continuing to encourage the children to dress themselves including fastening and unfasten buttons and to turn their clothes the correct way when inside out. We will be encouraging team work this half term, teaching the children about encouraging each other, working together to achieve a common goal as well as having fun! We will be reinforcing the importance of warming up before physical activity as well as cooling down after games. PE day is FRIDAY.

And finally...

- Please ensure your child comes to school with a warm coat, gloves and hat.
- Your child needs to bring a labelled water bottle to school every day. Water only please.
- Please label everything!

Thank you for your continued support and understanding. We look forward to a great half term!