



Reception

Half Termly Update

Autumn Term 2

Dear Parents,

We hope you had a wonderful half term holiday, and your children feel refreshed ready for the next half term. Things that will continue this term:

A large part of the Early Years is that we focus on the Prime areas and spend time playing, learning how to manage our emotions, share and understand each other's feelings. These elements are ingrained in everyday activities, games and group work.

Phonics and maths sessions daily, reading books will be changed at least once a week, so please bring in book bags daily. Our phonics scheme is Read Write inc. and we will start streaming the children into two groups based on assessment of which sounds they have learnt so far and their ability to orally blend. Please practice this at home often, saying short words broken down into their sounds, for the child to blend, EG. I see a 'd-o-g'.

Music on Mondays ,PE is on Tuesdays, JK forest school Tues. TR Forest school Wed, Thursday - ARTIS.

A weekly donation of 50p for consumables is payable to the class teacher.

Thank you to our secret readers, if you can spare 15 minutes one day at 3.15 the children love to guess whose parent will come in to read a story.

Maths

Numbers to 20, counting, more & less, matching numerals, subitizing, pattern and pattern in number (odd/even), 2D shapes.

Literacy

Inspiring story telling through a love of books and learning short stories, such as Little Jack (A Talk4Writing text, with fairy tale themes) and Stick Man. Innovating these stories to change characters or settings. Starting to write by sounding out simple words or initial sounds in words.

Understanding the World

This half term is a busy one, we will be learning about:

The changing seasons

Animals - particularly polar / Arctic animals.

RE - which times are special and why?

Bonfire night and Diwali with fireworks art, Rangoli patterns and more.

Remembrance Day, Hanukkah, Christmas.

As part of school Christmas celebrations, we will have Christmas dinner, Christmas jumper day, a visit from Santa and be putting on an Early Years Winter play which you will be invited to come in and watch in the final week of school in December.

On Fridays we will be learning about whatever the children choose they want to find out more about during the week. So, the host of topics for this learning is endless!

Our next parent coffee morning is on Thursday 7th about all aspects of children's development, with a focus on fostering independence.

Our children are enjoying forest school so much and we can already see their attitudes to nature developing and their level of caring for nature is so apparent. The parent helpers make all the difference, so thank you so much for coming.