



CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER

Reception - Autumn Term 2

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Celebrations!

I hope everyone has had a wonderful half term and that the children are excited to be back to school. The children have all settled into Reception extremely well and have become used to our daily routines. We have lots of fun planned this half term and we can't wait to share this with you!

This half term our topic is '**Celebrations**'. We have so many things to celebrate this half term across different cultures and beliefs such as Diwali and Christmas around the world. We will also focus on special dates such as Bonfire Night, Remembrance day and Children in Need.



Communication & Language

- Stories and role play—Bonfire Night and Nativity
- Re-enact and retell celebration stories
- Using expression in our voices
- Following 2 and 3 step instructions
- Sharing stories based on our own celebrations

P, S & E Development

- Developing confidence during social situations
- Discuss our own traditions and celebrations
- How we grow and change

Physical Development

- Develop pencil grip
- Letter and number formation
- PE sessions (exploring/developing movement skills)

Mathematics

- Representing numbers
- Comparing numbers
- Composition of numbers
- Shapes
- Positional language
- One more or less

Understanding The World

- Our local area
- Exploring weather and light and dark changes
- Baking and exploring foods
- Sending Christmas cards to our local care home
- Exploring natural objects

Literacy

- Daily phonic sessions
- Reading and exploring topic themed stories
- Christmas lists/letters to Santa
- Exploring our class post office role play area
- Writing cards, tags and invitations
- Christmas Nativity performance

Expressive Arts & Design

- Firework and sparkler art
- Christmas carols
- Christmas crafts and cards
- Exploring printing and colour mixing
- Recognising different sounds and playing instruments

Dates for the diary

- 13/11 - Parents Meetings - PM or evening
- 17/11 - Children in Need day
- 29/11 - Gala Theatre Panto trip
- 8/12 - Christmas Lunch and Christmas craft afternoon
- 13/12 - Christmas show PM and evening
- 14/12 - Christmas show AM and evening
- 14/12 - Visiting Santa PM - Town Hall
- 15/12 - Christmas Party PM

Careers

This half term we will be looking at careers such as firefighters linking to Bonfire night, charity work linking with children in need and postal workers linking with our post office role play. If you work within these sectors and have to come in to talk to the children please let me know.

What can you do to help your child?

Homework is set every week each Friday. It should be handed in by Thursday. Your child now has a reading book, please ensure these books are sent into school **daily** so we can read in class too.

Gem Power

We are beginning the year by focusing on our Ruby Power. This is where the children show kindness to each other.

PE

Our P.E session is on a Wednesday morning.

Tapestry

We love to see what you have been up to over a half term/ weekend. The children have been enjoying sharing their pictures on the big screen with the class. Please continue to share your family fun!

After School Clubs 3:15pm - 4:15pm

Wednesday - Xmas craft
Wednesday - Creative writing
Thursday - Yoga/mindfulness
Thursday - Eco Club
Friday lunch time - Choir

