

Reception Autumn 2 Newsletter

Just a few notes to keep you updated on what's happening in Reception over this half term.

Topic – Festivals and Celebrations



Communication and Language The children will share their news during carpet time giving them the opportunity to talk about things that happened using the past tense and linking statements that stick to a main theme or topic. They will be encouraged to ask each other questions to gain a greater understanding. They will also be learning new words and extending their vocabulary through play and structured lessons.

Understanding the World The children will be learning about different celebrations including Diwali and Christmas. They will learn that other children don't always enjoy the same things and be sensitive to this and that there are similarities and differences between families, communities and traditions. Please remember to fill in 'memories from home' to support this area of learning.

Physical Development The children will be learning gymnastics on Tuesday afternoons. On Thursday afternoons the children will have time on the outside climbing equipment which will help to build up their core strength and develop their balancing skills. This can be further developed visiting the park with your child.

PSHE The children will be learning about the school's value of generosity in worships. In PSHE they will be learning how to celebrate difference, where the children will learn how to accept that everyone is different and know how to give and receive compliments.

Mathematics

This half term the children will secure their ability to recognise numbers up to 10 and then to 20, count objects up to 10 and beyond and learn to add two groups of objects together. We will continue to learn about 2d and 3d shape and their properties.

To support your child's learning please continue to look for numbers and shapes in the environment and opportunities for the children to count objects such as counting out knives and forks to set the table for tea.



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Literacy

In literacy we continue to have a 'book of the week'. This allows the children to become familiar with the structure of stories, join in with re-telling familiar stories, sequence main events and change the story to make it their own. The children take part in phonics lessons, guided reading and literacy lessons to develop their reading and writing skills.

To support your children please use the home packs to develop their fine motor skills, read and discuss books together and help them learn their phonics sounds and tricky words.

Expressive Art and Design The children will be encouraged to add a storyline or narrative to their play, this is supported by a superheroes role play area, which will be transformed in to a home corner closer to Christmas so that the children can decorate and act out the seasonal celebrations that are familiar to them. There will also be an autumnal fairy land hidey hole and a construction area outside. The children will continue to learn different art skills to enable them to experiment with texture, colour and materials. They will also have the opportunity to select tools and techniques to shape, assemble and join materials with a purpose in mind. The children will learn a number of Christmas songs to perform at the Reception Christmas concert which will be held on the 10th December, time to be confirmed.