



EYFS Newsletter: Term 2 Oct-Dec 2023



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Welcome Back We hope you have all had a restful half term and have been able to enjoy the autumn as it increasingly takes hold. We were so impressed with how the children settled last term and are looking forward to maintaining positive routines; extending learning in a familiar environment and observing environmental changes and cultural traditions as we move into winter. ☺

Learning in School

In Term 2, much of our learning is focused around colour and celebrations including Diwali and Christmas. We have carefully selected texts that support themes we want to explore at this time of year. To find out more about what we will be learning this term, you can look at our Term 2 Medium Term Plan. This also includes ideas on how to support your child at home.



Phonics

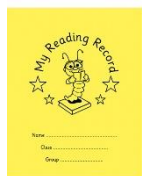
Phonics is how your child is being taught to read and write at this stage. This term, we will continue to teach new grapheme-phoneme correspondences (GPCs) and, by Christmas, children will have been introduced to all of the GPCs we learn this year. There is a big push on reading and writing 3 letter CVC (consonant-vowel-consonant) words as well as sight-reading common exception words taught. We will continue to send home formation sheets when new letters are taught and weekly 'Learning to Read with Phonics' sheets which help you see and practise what we are covering in class. The reading books are targeted to individuals and are differentiated to match a child's current reading level. Please get in touch if you have any questions about phonics.

Common Exception Word Bag

At the start of this term, we will give your child a word bag containing common exception word flashcards. This is to stay in your child's book bag so they can practise at home and in school. We will add to this bag over the year.

Book Bags

Thank you for bringing a book bag to school every day. Please make sure all books stay in the book bag so they do not get lost. **Please never put a water bottle in a book bag.** Thank you for reading regularly and recording in the yellow reading record. This practice at home is so important to help children make progress.



Local Visit: Holy Trinity Church

We are hoping to visit this local church in the final week of term. Our Year 2 children are performing a carol concert for their parents and we are hoping to go and watch their rehearsal. This will give our children a chance to have a look inside a church and it will support our learning about different celebrations and special places. We will be asking for volunteers to accompany us nearer the time.



Evidence Me

We hope you are finding this app useful for seeing what we are learning in class. Thank you to those of you who have been sharing learning from home. This term, we would like to invite everyone to have a go at sharing some learning from home. This could be reading; spotting signs of autumn; colour mixing; learning about Diwali or Christmas; riding a bike; anything your child would like to share.



Coats, hats and gloves

As the weather gets colder, please ensure your child comes to school with suitable **named** coats for outdoor play. We will continue to encourage children to manage this independently so children will benefit from practising this at home too.

Involving Parents and Carers

Thank you to everyone who joined us for parents evening meetings at the end of last term. We really value this time to talk with you about your child. Further opportunities to get involved this term include: fortnightly open-door Fridays; our after school Stay and Play session on the final Monday of the term and coming to watch our nativity show!

Key Dates

Fri 10th November - the first of our fortnightly Open Door Fridays
EYFS Nativity - (5th Dec 2.00pm, 6th Dec 9.30am)
Mon 11th Dec - EYFS Stay and Play 3:05-3:30
Tues 12th Dec - Proposed walk to Church to watch Year 2 concert rehearsal
Fri 15th Dec - Last Day of Term

Thank you for your support,
Mrs Upham, Miss Ireland, Mrs Gearing, Mrs Seymour, Mrs Bryant, Mrs Matthews, Mrs Dando, Mrs Wickens and Miss Baxter