



## EYFS Newsletter: Term 2 Nov - Dec 2021

Ruby



Jade



Opal



**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, a lot of our learning is focused around colour, magic 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 Knowledge Organiser. This also includes ideas on how to support your child at home.



### **Phonics**

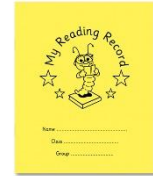
Phonics is how your child is being taught to read and write at this stage. This term, we will continue to teach new letter sounds and by Christmas children should know a sound for every letter of the alphabet. There is a big push on reading and writing 3 letter CVC (consonant-vowel-consonant) words as well as sight-reading tricky words taught. Thank you for all the Evidence Me submissions we have received showing children practising their reading and writing at home. We will continue to send home letter formation sheets when new sounds 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. This term, we will also add a bag of tricky word flashcards. This is to stay in children's book bags so they can practise at home and in school. Please get in touch if you have any questions about how to support your child with phonics.

### **Evidence Me**

We hope you are finding this app useful for finding out about what we are learning in class. Thank you to those of you who have been sharing learning from home. This app is purely a place for sharing learning and any messages for school staff should still come through the normal office channels.

### **Book Bags**

Thank you for bringing a book bag to school every day. Just a reminder that children cannot have a backpack instead. We need to store the book bags easily and accessibly in the classroom and the books must be kept flat. 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 practise at home is so important to help children make progress.



### **Forest School**

All EYFS classes have Forest School this term.

**Wednesdays - Ruby Class**

**Thursdays - Jade Class**

**Fridays - Opal Class**

On Forest School days, children need to come to school dressed for the weather. We go to Forest School even when it is cold and wet so it is important to come prepared. It can get very muddy at the Playscape! We have some waterproof trousers and jackets at school for children to borrow but if anyone has their own, please bring them. Don't forget to name all items! Children should bring their uniform, including a spare pair of pants and socks, in a bag to change into afterwards in case they get wet. They will wear their wellies that they keep in school.

### **Coats, hats and gloves**

As the weather gets colder, please make sure your child comes to school with suitable **named** coats for outdoor play. We will continue to encourage children to manage this independently.

### **Parents' Evening**

We will be running parents' evenings via video calls in the second week of term. These are 10 minute appointments for us to discuss how your child has settled and progress made so far. You can book these on our school website.

Thank you for your support,

Mrs Upham, Miss Light, Miss Ireland, Mrs Seymour, Mrs Bryant, Mrs Matthews, Mrs Dando and Mrs Hitchens