



EYFS – Autumn Term 2

Welcome back! We hope you had a lovely half term and are looking forward to a busy half term ahead. The children have settled really well into Reception and are beginning to learn the rules and routines in place in school. It is fantastic to see their enthusiasm for learning, particularly within phonics. We have a very exciting half term coming up with the run up to Christmas and lots of events to learn about and celebrate – including Remembrance day, bonfire night and advent!

Important Dates:

- 6th November** – Phonics Parents Meeting (2:45-3:15) in the school hall
8th November – Parent’s evening
10th November – INSET day (school closed)
11th November – INSET day
15th November – Reception Vision Screening
17th November – Children in Need – dress in something spotty!
20th November – Individual school photographs
24th November – Gingerbread man workshop for parents in Reception (2-3pm)
1st December – Christmas Shop (non-uniform day)
13th December – Reception festive multi-skills PE session
15th December – Christmas jumper and lunch day
18th December – EYFS & KS1 community performance
19th December – EYFS & KS1 performance (10am and 5:15pm)
20th December – EYFS & KS1 party day
22nd December – Non-uniform day **NB – school closes at 2:10pm**

English

Key Texts – throughout our English sessions, we will be looking at high quality texts to engage children with reading and promote a love of books. This half term we will be looking at Sparks in the Sky, Whatever Next and Stick Man.

Early Writing – we will continue to focus on writing 3 letter CVC words and looking at letter formation. We will be using the terminology of **say it – stretch it – sound it**. Children will learn to write 3 and 4 letter words accurately, before moving on to writing longer sentences.

Name Writing and Letter Formation – we will continue to work on name writing daily. All of our children have made progress with name writing and are beginning to learn to write their surnames. For those who are able to write their surnames we will be working on correct letter formation for pre-cursive letters.

Reading

All children now have a reading book that they take home. We will closely monitor the children within Phonics sessions to see whether they are ready for a reading book that has decodable words within it. Once a child has a book with decodable words, we would expect the child to independently sound the words out and blend the sounds back together to read the words independently.

Communication and Language

Within our communication and language, we will be looking for the children to use new vocabulary within play. For example, words like Guy Fawkes, Jack O Lantern and Remembrance.

We will continue to work with children on discussing key characters and events within stories, as well as joining in with repeated refrains and rhymes when reading stories.

Maths

Within Maths this half term we will be focusing on counting and comparing numbers. We will also look at the composition of numbers and how we can make the same number in lots of different ways.

We will also be looking at ordinality of numbers and cardinality of numbers. Ordinality is the order that numbers work in and cardinality is the understanding that the last number is the amount you have within the set.

Expressive Art and Design

This half term, children will be creating firework pictures – looking at using colour for purpose. Children will also be creating their own poppies to celebrate remembrance day and their own Christmas crackers to take home!

We will be looking at how to join different materials to make the crackers and why we would use different materials to help us make this product.

Physical Development

Our PE will remain on a Thursday morning. This half term we will continue to look at basic skills such as underarm throwing, catching, moving in different ways (e.g. running, skipping, hopping) and how to jump and land safely from equipment.

Personal Social and Emotional Development

This half term, children are going to be learning about their key character strengths and recognising that we are all good at something, but we are not always good at everything! We will be talking about how we can get better and certain things, as well as how we can use our strengths to help our friends and family!

Understanding the World

This is always a busy half term, due to the number of events we are going to be looking at! We will develop our understanding of Halloween, Bonfire Night, Remembrance Day, Diwali, Advent and Christmas. Children will be able to talk about how we celebrate these events and will learn that different people celebrate different things.

We will also be looking at creating artwork on the computer, using a simple computer programme. During this, we will look at selecting different colours and changing the size of the pen within our work.

Children will also develop their understanding of floating and sinking.