



Reception – Autumn Term Curriculum letter

Welcome to our first Curriculum letter. In this letter you will find useful information relating to the Autumn term in Reception.

This is an exciting year for your children where you will watch them grow as individuals and see them develop the knowledge and skills needed to continue their education in Year 1. A child's first year at school is naturally a busy one and it is important that your children miss as little of the curriculum as possible.

Reminders

- Please make sure all items of your child's school uniform and PE kit are clearly labelled
- We will be having PE on a Monday, but please make sure your child's kit is in school every week. Earrings must be removed for PE and please let me know if your child has a verruca and cannot do PE barefoot.
- Your child will bring home a new reading book every day. Please try to share this with your child. Regular reading is essential to fostering a love of reading and developing their fluency and comprehension.
- Please make sure your child has a water bottle in school so that they can have regular drinks during the day – this should be filled with water only. If your child would like squash or juice with their dinner this can be brought in to school in a separate container.



This Term

People who help us in our local community

For the first half term we will be looking at the people who help us in our local community. Hopefully we will have a few visits from local vets, doctors, fire service, RNLI and police to talk to us about how they can help and what their job entails. We will be focussing on a different job each week and have a range of cross curricular activities available to support your child's learning.

We will begin Phase 2 of phonics using both Jolly phonics and Letters and Sounds programmes to support us. We have attached the Phase 2 actions to help you support your child in recognising these letters.

Festivals and celebrations

In the second half term we will be looking at the range of festivals and celebrations that take place at this time of year e.g. Divali, Bonfire night, Hannukah and Christmas, and talk about how different cultures celebrate. We will be making chapatti, coconut burfi, dying rice and creating diva lamps for Divali. Next we will be creating chalk artwork of bonfires and exploding fireworks, learning all about Guy Forks and how to stay safe for Bonfire night. We will then make potato latkes and sweets whilst learning all about Hannukah and finally we will be learning all about the Christmas story whilst practising for our very special nativity.

Supporting your child's learning

- Practise the Phase 2 sounds and key words
- Try counting from different numbers both forwards and backwards
- Share stories with your child both with them and yourselves reading
- Talk about your experiences with Vets, Doctors, Postmen, Firemen and Policemen – how have they helped you
- Point out numbers, shapes and letters you see in day to day experiences
- Ask your child 'what did you learn today?'

