

Reception Newsletter - Term 2



Dear Families,

Welcome back!

The children have come back to school full of enthusiasm. We have had a really creative couple of weeks exploring fireworks and Diwali. The children have loved exploring different traditions and celebrations as we explore our 'Wonderful World'. Later in the term, we will look at other celebrations and cultures and how this time of year is celebrated around the world.

Our learning will have a geography focus. We will look at changes in our natural world, exploring seasons and weather and answering questions such as, 'Why do the leaves change colour?' We have been blown away by the leaf collections the children have brought into school, so thank you for all of your Autumn walks!

Home Learning

We would love you to read with your child as much as you can. The books we send home are just one way to do this. Other ways could be reading sounds on street signs, recipes when cooking, shopping lists etc. Children hearing you read in real life contexts is an excellent way to showcase the importance of reading.

Phonics – this term we are really focusing on blending sounds to read words e.g. s-i-t = sit

If children are finding this tricky, you can use the flashcards we send home to help them build words. Encourage the children to say each sound and blend them together. They may find it easier if you say the sounds and they blend. This is called orally blending and helps them to listen to the sounds they can hear.

Outdoor Play

The children will continue to have access to our outdoor area, whatever the weather! We kindly ask that children come to school with a named coat and spare change of clothes.

Rainbow Challenges

We will shortly be introducing 'Rainbow Challenges', which are independent challenges linked to our learning across the curriculum. Children will be encouraged to complete these challenges and collect their rainbow sticks throughout the week, which is recognised with a certificate.

Key Dates

- Art gallery: come and celebrate the children's Art work – Monday 27th November @ 3.20pm
- Farm school trip – Tuesday 5th December
- **Carle class** Christmas sing-a-long: Monday 18th December @ 2.45pm
- **Jeffers class** Christmas sing-a-long: Tuesday 19th December @ 2.45pm
- Christmas Craft Afternoon: parents welcome to join - Wednesday 13th December @ 2.00pm