



Reception Class Newsletter

Autumn Term 2: Mon 3 Nov - Fri 19 Dec



Dear Reception Parents and carers,

We are excited to welcome the children back and are ready for an exciting half term ahead of the run up to Christmas. I want to firstly say how proud the Reception team have been of how the children have settled and all the progress they have made already.

Topic: Our topic this half term is '**How do people celebrate around the world?**'. The first celebration we will learn about is bonfire night. We will read the story of The Gunpowder plot, finding out how and why bonfire night is celebrated. As part of our PSHE sessions we will talk about how to keep safe around fireworks. Continuing the theme of Fireworks, we will then explore the Hindu festival of Diwali, learning about how the festival is celebrated around the world. Our celebrations continue with our focus text 'Cake' and we will find out how people celebrate birthdays around the world. As we approach Winter and Christmas, our focus text will be 'Stickman' where we will begin to look at the seasonal changes. Our topic concludes with our learning about Christmas and The Nativity story.



We will begin practising our Nativity alongside KS1, this is due to be performed on **Thursday 11th December**. More details will be sent closer to the time.

0123
456
789

Maths: This half term we will be focussing our learning around counting, representing, building number 1-5. We will also look at shapes with 4 sides and combining shapes. We will order numbers and look at one more and one less. You can support your child at home with counting, recognising numbers 1-10, creating using different shapes and using mathematical language e.g. heavy/light, full/empty, tall/short.



Reminders:

- **Phonics books** change on a Monday
- **Library books** change on a Thursday
- **PE day** is a Thursday (children come to school in their PE kit on this day)
- Please practise recognition of phonics letter sounds and practice your children's handwriting with them, this half term we will focus on forming lowercase letters (attached guidance)
- As the weather is getting colder, please make sure your child always has wellies, hat & gloves and waterproofs in school.



We will be holding our first Parent Drop in session **Thursday 4th December 2:30-3:00pm**. This is an opportunity for you to spend time in the classroom with your child and find out more about their learning. Please come to the main school entrance through the office. You will be able to take your child home at the end of the session.

Any queries please do not hesitate to ask.

Mrs Knights and the Reception Team