



Foundation Stage Newsletter- Autumn Term 2 2024



"Children learn as they play. Most importantly, in play children learn how to learn."- Fred Donaldson.

Welcome Back

We would like to welcome all the children back to the EYFS setting after the half term holiday. There are lots of exciting activities happening this half term and we hope you can join us for them.

Playing and learning outside in all weather

As the weather is getting colder and possibly wetter, please could you ensure that your child has a warm, waterproof coat, a hat, gloves, a scarf and wellies in school each day, as we do play and learn outside in all weathers. Whilst we do have some waterproofs at school, it is also advisable that your child has a spare change of clothing in the event they get wet, dirty or have an accident.

Nappies

If your child is in nappies, we kindly ask that nappies, wipes and bags are provided, as we do not have these in school. If you would like any support with potty-training, please speak to a member of the team.

Home belongings

We politely request that toys from home (including blankets, dummies, dolls and teddies) are not brought to school.

Lunch

We kindly ask that drinks bottles are placed inside your child's lunch box and not separately on the trolley or in their school bag. Children should also not be bringing sweets in their packed lunches – a chocolate bar/snack is fine.

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 12th November – Odd Socks day (Anti-bullying week)

Friday 15th November – Children in Need

Monday 18th November- Miss Wood's Class- parents invited in to make a Christmas decoration for Enterprise. **9am-10.30am.**

Tuesday 19th November- Miss Syrett's Class- parents invited in to to make a Christmas decoration for Enterprise **9am-10.30am.**

Wednesday 20th November- Miss Pybus' Class- parents invited in to make a Christmas decoration for Enterprise **9am-10.30am.**

FS1 Enterprise day. Parents are welcome to join at **9am and 1:30pm.**

Friday 6th December – Christmas Fair (opportunity to purchase enterprise creations).

Wednesday 11th December – FS1 Christmas singing performance (**10am and 2pm**)

Friday 13th December-FS2 Nativity

Performances:

9.30: Mrs. Wood-Sea Turtle's Class

10.30: Miss Syrett-Jellyfish Class

1.30: Miss Pybus-Starfish Class

Tapestry

We will often use Tapestry to share important messages and upload WOW moments, please ensure that this is accessed regularly. If you're having any issues, please contact a member of the EYFS team.



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FS1-Our learning

This half term we have got two main focus books. They are, Stick Man and Father Christmas Needs a Wee. Within our environment we will have activities based around these stories. We will also spend time sharing rich language texts with the children during story times.

In Phonics, we are introducing syllables in names and other everyday objects. We will also be continuing to listen to everyday sounds and playing lots of exciting games to encourage this.

During our Maths sessions we will be looking at different ways we can use our bodies to make patterns and counting to 10 – thinking about how we can also represent numbers with our fingers.

FS2-Our Learning

Communication and Language:

We will consolidate prior learning of taught vocabulary and learn new vocabulary linked to festivals of light and the stories, non-fiction texts and rhymes, songs and poetry we share.

Physical Development:

Children will continue onto the Squiggle Me into a Writer programme, learning how to form letters correctly using both their gross and fine motor skills. They will also continue to do daily dough disco.

PSED:

The children will learn how to keep themselves safe during Bonfire Night celebrations and continue to learn different strategies to regulate their emotions and feelings, as well as learning to take turns share and consider the feelings of others.

Literacy:

This half term learning will be based around the traditional tale, 'The Gingerbread Man' and as we move towards Christmas the children will explore writing Christmas lists and letters to Father Christmas. Children will continue to write for a purpose based around their own interests. Phonics will also continue to be taught daily in small groups using the Read, Write Inc scheme.

Maths:

We will consolidate the children's knowledge of the composition of numbers 1,2 and 3 and move on to think about the composition and representation of the numbers 4 and 5. Children will also learn about shapes with 4 sides, building on from what they know about circles and triangles. As part of maths lessons, we will teach children how to form the numerals 0-5 correctly using magic wands.

Understanding the World:

We will explore different festivals of light, including Bonfire Night, Diwali, Hannukah and Christmas. Children will look at how each festival is celebrated by different cultures and communities. They will also have several opportunities to examine the concepts of past and the present. Children will be encouraged to notice the changes around them in the natural world as the season changes from autumn into winter. They will discuss and explore natural states such as freezing and melting.

Expressive Arts and Design:

Children will continue to explore paint through colour-mixing. They will be encouraged to design and make models and props using different joining techniques. Each class will also be performing a Christmas Nativity.