

Year: Reception Autumn 2

Our learning focus this half term is:

How do people celebrate around the world?



Welcome letter/message

We hope you have had a fun-filled half term with lots of rest too! This half term will be focussed on 'celebrations' as we look at how occasions are celebrated in different cultures.

We are also excited to start rehearsing for our EYFS Christmas Nativity production; we cannot wait to perform on stage for you! Bring on lots more learning through fun and explorative ways!

The Reception team x

Dates to remember

10.11.25	Odd sock day (Anti- Bullying)
10-14.11.25	Anti-Bullying week
11.11.25	Remembrance Day
14.11.25	House teams day for Children in Need- Pudsey Bear
28.11.25	Reception Celebration Day
29.11.25	PPG Christmas Fair
19.11.25	Parents' Evening 3.30-7.00
20.11.25	Parents' Evening 2.30- 6.00
21.11.25	Own clothes day in exchange for chocolate tombola (Christmas Fair)
2.12.25	Reception Christmas Craft Afternoon
16.12.25	EYFS Nativity 10.00
17.12.25	EYFS Nativity 2.00
17.12.25	Christmas dinner day
19.12.25	Reception Christmas Party day
19.12.25	Break up for Christmas

Whole school information

Dinners

School dinners run on a 3 weekly cycle. The new menu can be found on the school website. Please look through the menu with your child if you think they are likely to struggle to choose something suitable.

Milk

Please remember, children only receive free milk until they turn 5. After this, if you still wish for your child to drink milk at school, it will need to be paid for. Further details can be found on the school website.

Assemblies

We will attend Celebration assembly fortnightly. You will be invited to come and watch if your child is due to be awarded a certificate. If your child has any achievements outside of school e.g. swimming, football, these can also be shared in Celebration assemblies if you wish.

Other information

PE

We will undertake PE sessions on the following days:

RP- Tuesday RS- Thursday

PE kits will stay in school for the half term. Please have them available on the first week back. Please ensure only PE kits are in this bag as they are kept in the gym.

Outdoor Learning

The children have loved their outdoor sessions so far with Mr Haywood! This half term our sessions will take place on;

Wednesday 12th November

Wednesday 10th December

Things to remember:

Please ensure that all clothes and accessories are clearly labelled.

To bring to school daily:

- **Water bottle filled only with water.** As we are a healthy school, if your child does not drink water, try flavoured water instead of juice. We kindly ask that juice is not put in water bottles.
- **Reading bag and diary everyday**

Little Wandle books will be changed weekly on a Friday. It is really important that they are in school to allow for this, as the books given match what the children read during group reading sessions. Library books will be changed on;

RP- Wednesday

RS- Tuesday

In Personal, Social and Emotional development & RE we will:

- Accept that everyone is different.
- Know how to help if someone is being bullied.
- Practise giving and receiving compliments.
- Discuss the importance of Christmas in the Christian religion.
- Talk about and compare a variety of different festivals and how they are celebrated, including Diwali, Eid, Bonfire Night, Remembrance Day, Christmas, Hanukkah, Harvest, Chinese New Year.
- Perform parts of the Nativity story to retell it.

In Expressive Arts and Design & Physical Development we will:

- Explore colour, texture, shape, form and space in two or three dimensions. (Activities will include printing fireworks, making party bags and hats and creating Diva lamps out of clay).
- Explore the skill of printing using different tools.
- Learn how to use a hole-punch and stapler correctly.
- Hold our pencil in the tripod grip to form letters correctly.
- Explore how to move safely, exploring different movements and how to move in different ways, directions and speeds.
- Continuing to build team work skills through simple games.

In Understanding the World we will:

- Talk about how different events are celebrated around the world (Diwali, Bonfire Night, Christmas, birthdays).
- Look at special events that have happened in our lives and discuss how we have celebrated them.
- Compare similarities and differences between festivals and celebrations in different cultures.
- Learn the meaning behind stories related to some of the celebrations including Guy Fawkes and Rama and Sita.
- Talk about a historic event to understand why we celebrate Remembrance Day.

In Music we will:

- Learn about music from a range of cultural and religious celebrations.
- Explore a variety of instruments.
- Rehearse and perform songs for our Christmas concert.

In Mathematics we will:



- Investigate and explore numbers 4 and 5 in depth including :
 - subitising
 - finding one more and one less
 - developing the skill of using a 5 frame to count
 - comparing numbers to 5
 - ordering numbers
 - finding number bonds to 4 and 5
- Explore the 2D shapes; circles, triangles, squares and rectangles.
- Look at and replicate Kandinsky art.
- Talk about 'day' and 'night, sequencing events.

In Literacy we will:

- Continue our Little Wandle Phonics journey, looking at the remaining single letter sounds and plural 's' in phase 2.
- Begin phase 3, looking at digraphs and trigraphs
- Develop blending and segmenting skills for cvc words.
- Practise forming letters correctly.
- Begin to write simple captions.
- Write a simple list of cvc words.
- Listen to and discuss stories and characters.
- Talk about the events in a story, sequencing 3 images from our key texts using story language.
- Begin to read cvc words in books through group reading sessions.

Our Literacy lessons are delivered through 'Drawing Club' which is a creative approach to learning that uses drawing to develop a child's imagination, language and fine motor skills. For more information, please visit the following link:

<https://www.canigoandplaynow.com/drawing-club.html>

