

Reception Newsletter



Autumn 2 2023



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Welcome back. We hope you have had a lovely and restful half term. The children have had a fantastic start to Year R and we have enjoyed starting them off on their school journey.

Here is some of the fantastic learning in Reception last term



Diary Dates

1st Nov-Bumblebee's phonics workshop

2nd Nov-Snail's phonics workshop

7th Nov-Bumblebee's library visit

8th Nov-Snail's library visit

12th /13th Dec-Nativity performances

Newsletter challenge

Together with your child, please complete the questions on the newsletter. Tick them off as you complete them.



PE

Reception will continue to have PE on Monday afternoons. Please ensure children have their named PE kits in school.

Book bags

Please bring in your book bags everyday.

Wow moments

Attached to our newsletter is a WOW moment card. This is for you to celebrate any new learning or skills that you have seen your child achieve at home.

Please fill in the card and return it to school so we can celebrate with the children. Thank you.

Reading

The children have been working hard with their reading in phonics. We will continue to send home books, new letter sounds and tricky words to practise at home with you.

Please try to read with your child at least 3 times and tick on the home reading sheet.

We will also be sending home a story book for you to read with them.

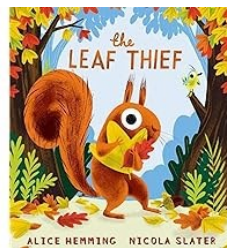
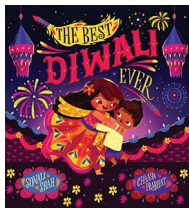
Personal and social development

The children will be learning about the zones of regulations and what makes a good friend.

Physical development

In PE, the children will be developing fundamental skills in movement and using space.

The children will be continuing to develop their fine motor skills and begin to practise forming long legged giraffes—l,i,t,y,u,j.

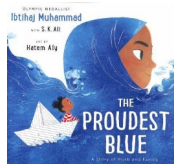
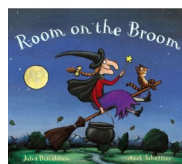
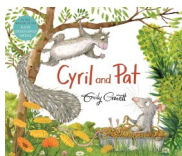
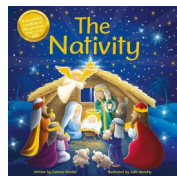
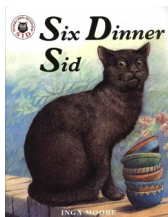


Maths

In Maths, the children will be practising their subitising skills (recognising amounts up to 5 without counting) and will be finding different ways of making 5.

They will be exploring different 2D shapes and creating simple repeating patterns.

Our Super Six books for this half term



Can you talk about your favourite story?

Communication and language

This term, we will be learning and using new vocabulary to describe and talk about autumn and different celebrations.

The children will be encouraged to use full sentences when talking.

Literacy

During this term, we will be listening to a range of stories about different celebrations and talking about what happened in the story and how it may link to our own experiences.

Phonics

In phonics, we will continue to learn the initial letter sounds and practise blending short words together to read, such as d-o-g dog.

Each week we will send home information on what the children have learnt that week.

Can you read the tricky words?

I is the



Expressive Arts and design

The children will be exploring mixing colours to match autumn leaves. They will also be using different materials to create collages. They will be listening to music and responding to create autumn and Diwali dances.

Can you draw or paint an autumn picture?



Understanding the World

The children will be looking closely at changes in autumn. They will be learning about different celebrations, such as Diwali and Bonfire Night.

Can you find an autumn 'treasure' and bring it into school to talk about?

