Reception Newsletter

Autumn 2 2025

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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

9th Nov - Diwali dance workshop

20th Nov—Dental team in.

7th Dec pm—YR / year 1 Christmas Nativity

9th Dec am— YR / year 1 Christmas Nativity

16th Dec pm—Christmas party

Brush up scheme

We are aiming to begin an extra daily toothbrushing this term with the children. If you would like your child to participate and have yet to complete the consent form that was emailed to you last term please complete. The dental team are coming into school this term.

PE

PE in YR is on Monday.

Please make sure that your child comes to school in their PE kit. During the cold weather, they may prefer long trousers rather than shorts. All children must have appropriate footwear and long hair need to be tied back.

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.

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 4 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.

Communication and language

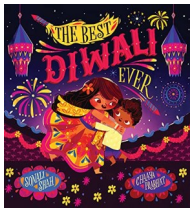
This term we will be learning and using new vocabulary to describe and talk about Autumn and different celebrations.

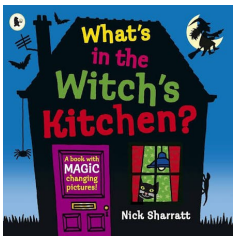
The children will be encouraged to use full sentences when talking.

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 practice forming long legged giraffes—l,i,t,y,u,j.





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?

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Maths

In Maths, the children will be practising their subitising skills and will be finding different ways of making 5.

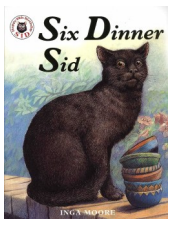
They will be exploring different 2D shapes and creating simple repeating patterns.

Expressive Arts and design

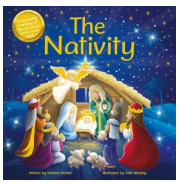
The children will be exploring mixing colours to match Autumn leaves. They will also be using different materials to create collages. They will be listening to music and responding to create Autumn and Diwali dances.

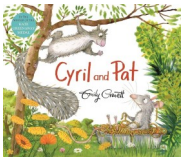
Can you draw or paint an Autumn picture?

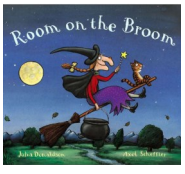
Our Super Six books for this half term

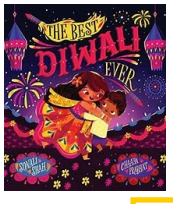












Can you talk about your favourite story?

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?