



Reception Newsletter

Autumn Term 2

Welcome to Reception!

It has been wonderful getting to know all our children and their families. Our focus for this half term is 'Sparkle and Shine' and we cannot wait to join in with lots of celebratory activities. The virtue we are focusing on this half term is how to be 'Learned and Wise'.

Experiences:

Autumn walk, exploring our local area, Advent, Breakfast with Santa, Christmas Party Day, Nativity and Christmas, All Saints, All Souls, Christ the King

PE Days	Home Learning	Important Dates
<p>Our P.E. days are Monday (Owls) and Tuesday (Rabbits).</p> <p>From January children need the following P.E. kit in school.</p> <div data-bbox="304 1001 459 1160" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>White T-Shirt</p> <div data-bbox="300 1205 464 1357" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>Navy blue or black shorts</p> <div data-bbox="277 1400 483 1541" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>Trainers or pumps</p> <p>Please make sure that earrings are removed for P.E. days .</p>	<div data-bbox="730 723 951 902" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>Reading books are changed weekly. Please bring books bags every day with reading book, reading record and library book.</p> <p>Children are expected to read at home for 10 minutes every day. Reading records must be signed each day.</p> <p>You should now have access to the Collins hub. Please log in and share your child's assigned books.</p>	<div data-bbox="1166 719 1342 896" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>Parents' evening - Wednesday 12th November</p> <p>Autumn Walk - Thursday 20th November 1.30pm</p> <p>Nativity - Tuesday 16th December 2.30pm</p> <p>Christmas Party - Wednesday 17th December</p> <p>Last day of term - Friday 19th December. School closes 1.30pm Return to school - Monday 5th January 2026</p>
What we are learning this half term!		
English	Maths	

<p>We will continue to use our Phonics knowledge to read and write simple words and sentences.</p> <p>Our key texts are: The Scarecrow's Wedding - Julia Donaldson Chapatti Moon - Pippa Goodhart Leaf Man - Lois Ehlert The Nativity Story The Best Christmas Present EVER</p>	<p>We will be exploring length and height using the language of comparison. We will count 10 items into a set and compare and order numbers to 10. We will learn about capacity and compare different capacities. We will develop our understanding of spoken numerals and matching them with written numerals. We will learn about one more and one less.</p>
SRE	RE
<p>We will be learning about safe and unsafe situations and who we can ask for help. We will also learn about keeping safe online.</p>	<p>We will learn about caring for ourselves, family, friends and God's world. We will learn about Remembrance Day. We will also learn about Baptism, The Annunciation, The Nativity, Advent and celebrating Christmas.</p>
Understanding the World	Expressive Arts and Design
<p>We will explore how toys have changed from the past.</p> <p>We will explore special places in our community such as Mount Carmel Church and learn about different beliefs and celebrations. We will look at simple maps and learn how to draw information from them.</p>	<p>We will create firework pictures and listen and move to a variety of music from different celebrations.</p> <p>We will make hats and calendars, decorating them using a range of media and act out the Christmas story.</p>
PSE	Physical Development
<p>We will continue to identify our emotions and learn about the importance of exercise and healthy eating on our bodies.</p> <p>We will continue to build respectful relationships.</p>	<p>We will learn to explore space and how to use space safely. We will explore travelling actions, shapes and balances. We will copy, repeat and remember actions. We will use counting to help us keep in time with the music. We will explore dance through the world around us.</p> <p>We will develop our fine motor skills by consolidating our tripod grips when writing and engage in fine motor activities such as dough gym and threading.</p>