Reception Newsletter
Autumn Term 2

Welcome to Reception!

It has been wonderful getting to know all of 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 'Faith Filled and Hopeful'.

Experiences:

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

PE Days

Our P.E. days are Thursday (Owls) and Tuesday (Rabbits).

From **March 2027** children need the following P.E. kit in school.



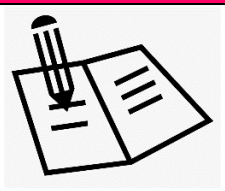
White T-Shirt



Navy blue or black shorts

Please make sure that earrings are removed for P.E. days.

Home Learning



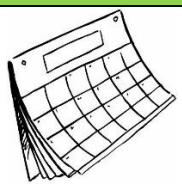
Reading books are changed weekly. Please bring books bags **every day** with reading book, reading record and library book. Although each group has a set reading day, this could occasionally change. Children are expected to read at home for 10 minutes every day. Reading records must be signed each day.

You should now have access to the Collins hub. Please log in and share your child's assigned books.



Each child has access to Numbots in school which they can also access at home. Numbots helps to support their mathematical skills.

Important Dates



Parents' evening – Wednesday 4th November

Pantomime – 8th December

Nativity – 15th December 2.30pm (Parents/Carers welcome)

Christmas Dinner – 15th December

Christmas Party Inc. Breakfast with Santa – 17th December

Last day of term – Friday 18th December. **School closes 1.30pm**

What we are learning this half term!	
English	Maths
We will continue to use our Phonics knowledge to read and write simple words and sentences. **Our key texts are:** The Scarecrow's Wedding – Julia Donaldson Chapatti Moon – Pippa Goodhart The Nativity Story The Best Christmas Present EVER Rumpelstiltskin The Elves' and the Shoemaker	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 explore and describe 2D shapes. We will chant count to 20 and match numeral to quantity. We will learn to write numbers to 10.
SRE	RE
We will be learning about safe and unsafe situations and who we can ask for help. We will also learn about keeping safe online. We will learn that we are created by God and how we can give thanks to God.	We will explore world religions – looking at Hinduism and Diwali celebrations. We will learn about Remembrance Day. We will also learn about Advent and Christmas. We will learn about the Nativity Story.
Understanding the World	Expressive Arts and Design
We will explore how toys have changed from the past. 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.	We will make Diwali lanterns and listen and move to a variety of music from different celebrations. We will make hats and calendars, decorating them using a range of media and act out the Christmas story. We will also make a Christmas tree decoration.
PSE	Physical Development
We will continue to identify our emotions and learn about the importance of exercise and healthy eating on our bodies. We will continue to build respectful relationships.	We will learn different ways of moving our bodies and working as a team to roll, bounce, throw and catch a ball. 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.