

KSS Reception Autumn 2 Newsletter November 2023



Dear Parents & Carers,

We hope you have all had a wonderful half term break and are looking forward to the term ahead. We have a busy term planned with lots to look forward to including parents evening, our Reception nativity performance and the Christmas Pantomime Treasure Island coming into school for us to watch.

We have observed the children last term and they are particularly interested in the junk modelling area. Could you please send in any junk modelling resources for us to use in class (small cardboard tubes, plastic tubs, yogurt pots, eggs boxes etc). Thank you!



Autumn Topic Theme: Celebrations

Literacy:

In our Literacy lessons we have a focus book that the children will read and complete activities on. Our book this term will be "Room on the Broom" by Julia Donaldson. We will be using the story of Room on the Broom to look at different vocabulary, we will be creating a story map to sequence the story and the children will use drama to re tell the story. Finally, we will be discussing what we like about the story and why.

Topic:

Our Topic this term is Celebrations. We will be discussing a range of celebrations including Bonfire night, Christmas, Diwali and Birthdays. We will make fruit kebab rockets in class to represent Bonfire celebrations and we will be sculpting our own Diwali lamps and looking at Rangoli patterns. Towards Christmas we will be making salt dough Christmas decorations and joining materials to make Christmas cards.

Reading

All the children should now have a school Rhino Reader Book to read with you at home. Please write in the reading record each time you have read with your child. The books will be changed on a Wednesday however if you hadn't read with the children or the children have found it difficult we will leave the book with you for another week to practise. It is important that the children know all the sounds in the book and can read the book independently before moving to the next levels. Please send the books and the reading records into school every day so that we can read with the children as much as possible.



Maths & Number:

We follow the White Rose Maths Scheme for Maths Mastery to ensure all pupils gain an in depth, thorough knowledge of number before moving into Key Stage 1.

This term we will be focusing on "Alive in 5" and "Growing 6,7 and 8." We will be comparing numbers and looking at combining two amounts. We will also be comparing capacity. We will look at how to make pairs. We will also be discussing how to use length and height.

If you would like more information on number, you could look at this link (please note we adapt our teaching according to the needs of the pupils so it may vary from our delivery):





Phonics:

We follow the Twinkl Phonics scheme and the children have learnt the level 2 sounds this term. We are now learning two sounds per week to allow time for consolidation. The children are also learning to read and write the tricky words below. Please practise these at home as it will really help the children to become more confident with their learning.



The tricky words we will be focusing on this term are:

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Homework:

We expect all homework to be completed. If you cannot do this for any reason, please let the teachers know, homework is sent out in the orange homework books and should be returned to school each Wednesday for marking.

Just a reminder to label any items of clothing that the children are bringing into school, with the colder weather coming we appreciate the children will have hats and gloves etc with them. If they are named it's a lot easier to get them back to you if they are misplaced.

If you need any help or support this term, please do reach out to us. If you have any questions or worries, please get in touch we are always happy to help!

Kind Regards,
Mrs Fordham and Miss O'Connor