

Year R Curriculum flyer

Welcome to our half-termly class information flyer. This is designed to give you information about the activities and learning we will be getting up to over the next few weeks.

This half term the children will be developing their understanding about 'Celebrations. This will include learning about different celebrations from different religions through stories and activities. We will also be looking at the significance of 'light' through various festivals, exploring light sources and shadows.

In Phonics we will continue to recognise and write the remaining initial sounds through 'The Monster Phonics programme alongside learning weekly key words.

Our literacy lessons will be based around 'Talk for Writing' using the story 'The Gingerbread Man'. The main emphasis will be learning the story off by heart so that all children can retell the story verbally. We will then look at how we can change the story to create our own following the style of the story. We will practise writing labels, captions and sentences using our developing Phonic knowledge. We will be practising making up and retelling our own stories.

In Maths we will be looking at representing numbers and subitising to 5, 1 more and 1 less within 5, number bonds to 5, 3D shapes, and capacity.

In Expressive Arts we will be learning songs for our Christmas play. We will also be making our own Diva Lamps and making Gingerbread men to support our learning. We will be starting to learn how to play Boomwhackers. We will also continue with our weekly art activities linked to our topic.

Please find attached a topic overview of the main learning objectives we will be covering during this topic. If you have any evidence to support what we are covering or anything you think is important for us to know in your child's development e.g has just started to ride a 2 wheeled bike, please send us your evidence via Evidence Me.

PE

We continue to have PE timetabled on Thursdays. Children will keep their school PE kit and a pair of trainers in school all half term **unless** they have now shown that they can get changed independently in which case they can come in their PE kits each week. You will have received a message via Class Dojo if your child has achieved this.

This ½ term, we will be practising apparatus in the hall.

Homework

Reading – all children should be reading for at least 15 minutes per day at least 4 times a week. Phonic sounds (phonemes) and key words will be sent home weekly. The more confident your child is in knowing these, the more progress they will make in their reading. Once your child has shown they can segment and blend words, they will be sent reading books. Practising numbers/shapes or other related maths skills will either be sent via Class Dojo.

Voluntary Contributions

Each week we provide a variety of resources to support the children with their learning. These include play dough, rice, pasta for fine motor activities and cornflakes, Weetabix for small world. To support us in providing these, we ask for a voluntary contribution of £1 per ½ term. If you can support us here, please send your contribution in a named envelope labelled 'Voluntary Contributions. Thank you if you have already sent in your contributions.

Need to contact us? Please send me a message via the Class Dojo.

Mrs Heysmond.