

EYFS Newsletter – Autumn Term B

What an amazing first term we've had! The children have settled in brilliantly and it already feels as though they've been part of our school family for much longer. Our new topic for this half term is "Reach for the Stars!" We'll be learning all about **Bonfire Night, Space and aliens**, and of course, **Christmas!**

Library Books

Library books will continue to be changed every **Monday**.

Reading Books

Reading books will also be changed on **Mondays**. Please ensure your child's reading book is brought into school **every day** and that their reading record is **signed each time** they read (or watch a phonics video!). Reading materials will be sent home as either a **book** or a **sheet**. In addition, an extra reading book will be sent home on **Fridays**, containing the words your child has been practising in their daily guided reading sessions. We encourage children to keep practising the sounds on their **phonics keyring** so that they can read them confidently and fluently.

PE and Forest School

- PE will continue to take place on **Thursdays**.
- **Forest School** will continue on **Tuesdays**.

Please send your child to school **wearing their PE kit** on both of these days.

Alien Challenge Day – Wednesday 26th November

Reception children are invited to come to school **dressed in something space-themed** as we take part in a fun-filled day of **alien challenges!** There's no need to buy a costume—something **spotty or stripy** will be perfect. We'll also be making our own **alien headbands** as part of the day's activities.

On the next page, you'll find more details about what we'll be covering in lessons this term. It promises to be a truly exciting few weeks, filled with wonderful experiences including a **pantomime**, our **Christmas Nativity play**, and the **school Christmas church service**.

We can't wait to get the glitter out and make this term a magical one!

Let's Celebrate!

Maths

In Maths, we will be looking at reading, writing and making numbers to 10. We will also look at:

- Counting by rote to at least 20.
- Representing numbers in different ways
- Comparing numbers and amounts to 10
- Capacity
- 2D shapes

Phonics

We will be using the sounds that we have learnt previously to read simple 3 and 4 letter words and some of the tricky 'red' words. We will also be learning to read words with special friends in. Alongside, reading we will be focusing on letter formation and using our fabulous skills to write the initial sound in words as well as CVC (3 letter) words.

Talk 4 writing

Children will learn to sequence, retell and discuss the following texts:

- Bonfire night—Hovis the hedgehog
- Space—Alien Tea on Planet Zum-Zee
- Christmas—Nativity story and Laura's Star

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RE

In RE lessons, children will be talking about how Christians celebrate the birth of a baby, looking at baptisms and what happens. We will also be looking at why Jesus is a special baby in our lead up to Christmas as well as how Christmas can be celebrated.

EAD

EAD sessions will focus on exploring different types of media such as painting, printing, junk modelling, large scale construction, collage and clay work. Some examples of the activities to be undertaken are: clay diva lamps, Jackson Pollock style firework paintings and alien collages.

End of day texts

- Whatever Next—Jill Murphy
- Goodnight Moon—Margaret Wise-Brown
- Red Rockets and Rainbow Jelly—Nick Sharratt and Sue Heap

PSED

Jigsaw (PSED) will be entitled 'Being Celebrating Differences', with a focus on what we're good at and how we're special. We will also discuss who we live with and what our houses are like. Later in the term, we will talk about the friends that we have made and about how we can stand up for our own beliefs.

Understanding the World

In our Understanding the World sessions, we will be looking at how the seasons have changed from Autumn to winter. We will also learn about how Bonfire Night is celebrated. We will talk about our own celebrations and how they are the same and different to our friends.

Physical Development

Children will take part in PE on Thursday this term. They will be taking part in Gymnastics lessons led by one of the Inspire Plus coaches.

Alongside PE lessons, children will have access to the bikes and other PE and climbing equipment during their child initiated time, developing their self-chosen skills further.