

# Year R Newsletter Autumn 2 2020



Our topics this half-term are “Leafy Autumn”, “Happy homes”, “It’s my birthday” and “Christmas”.

**Literacy** – We will continue to learn our phonic sounds, keywords and High Frequency Words on a daily basis. We will explore fiction and non-fiction books about autumn; where we live; birthdays and Christmas. In our shared reading sessions we will access digital books through the interactive whiteboard (IWB).

**Mathematics** – In our maths sessions we will be working on recognising numbers to 10, counting reliably with objects to 10, looking at parts and whole, and exploring shape. These will be in whole class sessions and child led play.

**Understanding of the world** – The children continue to explore autumn as the environment changes. We will explore home routines and celebrations as well as those of the wider community.

**Art and design** – As part of our topics this half term, we will be experimenting with 3D art, creating houses, buildings and decorations.

**Physical Development** – We continue to develop our movement skills through twice weekly sessions. Our morning and phonics routines continue to support the children’s readiness to write.



## Dates for your diary

### November

**Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> November**

Non-Uniform/pyjamas for Children in Need donation

**Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> November**

INSET Day – School Closed to children

**Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> November**

Photographer in School - Individual Photos

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November**

Non-uniform day in return for a donation for the Christmas raffle – more information to follow.

### December

**Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> December**

Christmas Jumper Day – Donation for Save the Children

**Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> December**

Children’s Christmas Lunch – more information to follow

**Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> December**

Last day of term before Christmas break

## **How you can help your child at home:**

- Read on a regular basis, either the phonically decodable reading book or library book.
- Play board games that involve turn taking
- Go for a walk and encourage the children to listen, look and talk about the things they see and hear.



Please continue to share home learning with us through Tapestry using photos and videos. The children really enjoy sharing their stories, photos and videos on the big screen.



### PE Days

**Wednesday** is outdoor PE- please send your child into school wearing leggings or tracksuit bottoms, and normal school cardigan/sweatshirt)

**Thursday** is indoor PE.

### Outdoor learning day



Year R will be having an outdoor learning day on Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> November. Please can children wear leggings/tracksuit trousers and trainers or wellies with a warm coat suitable for the weather. School sweatshirts/cardigans should be worn on top.



### Water Bottles

Please ensure your child has their water bottle in school every day.