

Year R Newsletter Autumn 2 2021



Our topics this half-term are “**People who help us/Our Community**”, “**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 representing, comparing and exploring the composition of numbers to 5. We will also begin to look at the properties of 2D shapes. 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 investigate 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 and exploring 2D shapes through the work of the artist Kandinsky. We will also be making decorations.

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

Dates for your diary

Monday, 15th November

School photographer

Friday, 19th November

Children in Need

Friday, 26th November

4.15pm Winter Disco

Monday 29th November

Outdoor learning day

Tuesday 30th November

Non-Uniform Day in return for a Raffle/Tombola prize for our Xmas Fayre

Wednesday 1st December

1.15pm Christmas Decoration making workshop.

Friday, 3rd December

Christmas Fayre

Tuesday 7th December

FoA film night

Friday, 10th December

Christmas Jumper Day

Children’s Christmas Dinner in school

Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday, 14th/15th/16th December

Christmas Performances

Friday, 17th December

End of term

How you can help your child at home:

Letter-join

Handwriting: We can now offer access to our school handwriting programme. If your child would like to practise handwriting patterns at home on the tablet or computer, please follow the link to Letterjoin on our school website. Just go to Key Information - Curriculum - Writing. The log in user name is **vt0015** and the password is **home**. See the class teachers if you need help getting started with this.

Reading: Read on a regular basis, either the phonically decodable reading book or the Oxford Owl digital resources.

Play board games that involve turn taking and dice games to help with subitising.

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.

Outdoor learning day



Year R will be having an outdoor learning day on Monday 29th 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.

PE Days

Monday is indoor PE

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



Water Bottles

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

