

Dear parents and carers

Welcome back. The children have settled into Reception really well and hope they are looking forward to an exciting and busy half term. There will be lots of opportunities for your child to explore a number of celebrations and showcase their learning with our Nativity play. Throughout the term we will continue to share your child's learning via the Dojo app. Please get in touch if you have any concerns or worries about your child.

Best wishes, Miss Rogerson & Mrs Latcham

PE day will be **Friday**. Please ensure your child comes to school in their Armfield PE kit on these days.

Important dates for your diaries:

Virtual Open Evenings – **Tuesday 1st & Thursday 3rd November**

Christmas Parental Workshops:

Mini Condors – **Wednesday 23rd November**

Mini Merlins – **Thursday 24th November**

School Christmas Lunch – **Thursday 12th December**

Nativity – TBC.



Maths

The children will continue to follow the White Rose Maths curriculum: It's Me 1,2,3 and Light and Dark.

This will be focus on numbers to 5, circles, triangles and shapes with 4 sides and then finally, time.

Communication, Language and Literacy

In EYFS we focus on listening, attention and understanding and speaking. As children develop speaking and listening skills, they are building the foundations for literacy and learning. We will be reading and learning a variety of stories, traditional nursery rhymes and songs. We focus on storytelling and aim to develop a life-long love of reading. Funny Bones will be the model text for our Talk 4 Writing sessions in Autumn 2.

All children will continue to have daily phonics sessions (phase 2), and will be introduced to Guided Reading sessions with decodable reading books being sent home from this half term.

Click to find out more about Talk 4 Writing
<https://youtu.be/VI2OWdZo6nY>



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Understanding the World

We will be exploring light and shadows: natural and man-made light. Exploring the natural world with a focus on the seasons of the year (Winter).

We will be learning about the celebrations: Halloween, Bonfire night, Diwali, Remembrance Day and of course, Christmas

We will be describing our local area and identifying Blackpool on a map.



Phonics

Please support your child to practise and reinforce the phonemes and graphemes we are learning in school. More information can be found on the Little Wandle website:

<https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>

Personal, Social and Emotional

The children will continue looking at themselves as individuals and learning how to build constructive and respectful relationships with others. We will also continue to learn and demonstrate Armfield behaviour expectations.

The children will be exploring how to stay safe, safe relationships and having a healthy diet.

Physical Development

The children will be working towards the Early Learning Goal requirement of learning to negotiate space and obstacles safely, with consideration for themselves and others.

They will begin to learn about how to stay healthy and also continue developing their fine motor skills.

In PE the children will be developing their fundamental movement skills and learning to work in a team, take turns and follow rules.

Expressive Art and Design

The children will have lots of opportunity to explore and create with different materials. They will be exploring the work of Kandinsky and Georgia O'Keefe, creating poppies, shape pictures and winter scenes.

Music will focus on 'My Stories' which will be delivered through the Charanga music scheme and explored in provision. We will also be practising songs for our class Nativity.

Through role play the children will be able to explore and perform familiar roles. This half term they will be able to explore a Witch's lair, a Hospital and Santa's workshop.