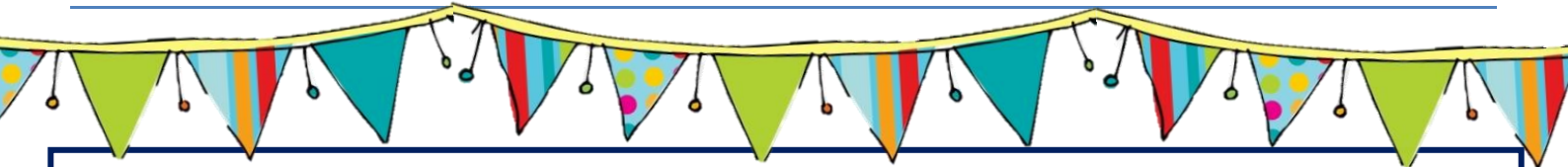


Reception Year – Term 2 Information



We hope you had an enjoyable autumn break and that you and your child are ready to take on all that is new for this busy and exciting term. Thank you for adding some of your half term activities to tapestry. We loved reading and seeing all of the wonderful things you were up to!

If you haven't had the opportunity to upload any pictures or comments onto Tapestry yet, please feel free to add activities that the children may do over the weekend, reading opportunities or things that they are proud of. It provides a great link between home and school, allowing us to see other interests that they may participate in and activities they enjoy doing with you. If you are having any problems logging on or uploading your photos/videos, please feel free to let us know and we will endeavour to get you back on track.

As always, do not hesitate to ask any questions you may have. We are in this together!

Our learning this term

We continue to follow your children's interests and promote independence in their learning journey, 'planning in the moment' on a day-to-day basis. Our general routine remains as last term, consisting of short periods of adult-led teaching followed by lengthy child-initiated play opportunities to put their new learning into action. Adults will interact and engage with the children to scaffold their learning and ensure they are making good progress towards the Early Learning Goals.

This term, we begin by looking at Diwali with the children in line with the Hindu calendar then move onto the Christian celebration of Christmas. We will be doing a traditional Nativity production at school this year however, this will be subject to any guidance that comes out with regard to COVID. More information about this will follow soon.

In regular phonics teaching, children are beginning to blend sounds they have learnt. Children will continue to have many opportunities to develop their mathematical knowledge and understanding through both their play and adult-led inputs. Using their increasingly secure knowledge of number and the number system, children will be exploring their number sense to have a deeper understanding of their numbers to 10. In addition, children have now begun their PE this term focusing on our topic of 'target', Mrs Brookes will continue to scaffold their exploration of rhythm and appreciation of singing and music, and discrete Religious Education to help them begin to learn about the Christian faith.

Key Information

- Reading books will continue to be changed on the children's dedicated colour group days. Each morning, a basket will be left outside of each classroom for you to put their Reading Record folder and their reading books.
- We will continue to send home new phonics cards after each set we complete. Please keep an eye out for them in your child's books bag. These can be used to support your child at home with blending and segmenting activities or as flashcards.
- Our PE day for this term is now a Friday. Just a reminder that the children are to be able to wear their PE kit to school and will stay in it for the day. As the days get colder, please feel free to send your child in wearing a pair of dark blue/black coloured tracksuit bottoms instead of shorts!
- We are also very lucky to have Forest School this term! RAM will go on a Tuesday and REC, on a Wednesday. Please dress your child in old, warm clothes that you are happy for them to get a bit dirty in and waterproof suit/trousers are also optional! It will also be helpful for them to have hats, gloves and scarves as they will be going out in all weather conditions.