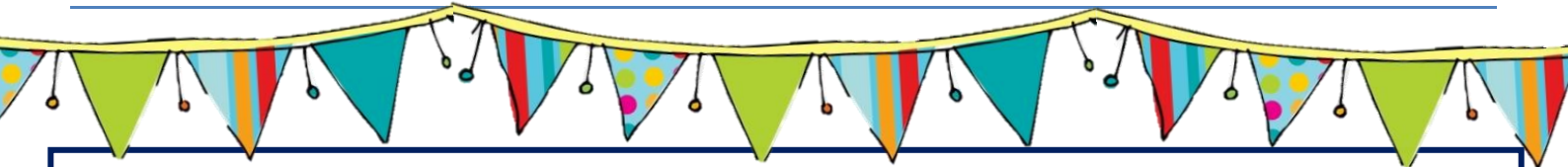


# Reception Year – Term 2 Information



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 send us an email and we will endeavour to get you back on track. Our emails are attached at the bottom of this newsletter.

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. Due to the current circumstances, we will not be able to do the traditional Nativity at school, but we are putting together a virtual Nativity to ensure the children share the tradition of participating in the Christmas story. More information regarding this will follow soon.

In regular phonics teaching, children are beginning to blend sounds they have learnt and will continue to do so as we move onto Phase 3. 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 begin to explore number bonds to 5 and then 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 will continue, to help them begin to learn about the Christian faith.

## Key Information

- Reading books are able to be changed as and when your child requires. Each morning, a basket is left outside of each classroom. If their reading book and library book needs changing, please put it in the basket with their reading pack.
- 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 a Thursday. Just a reminder that the children are 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 colour tracksuit bottoms instead of shorts!
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