The children had a fantastic first half term and are now settled into school routine and have made lots of new friends! We thank you for all of your support during the first half term. We wanted to share with you some of the things we are getting up to this half term.



<u>Literacy</u>

Our Literacy work this half term will focus on the stories Dinosaurs Love Underpants, The Leaf Thief and Stick Man. During our daily Read Write Inc phonics sessions we will continue learning the set 1 sounds with a focus on the special friend sounds. We will be focusing on segmenting and blending sounds in simple words and putting them together to read simple sentences.

Your child will now start to bring home a reading book each week. It is important to practise this book each night at home with your child, in the reading record will be a note from your child's teacher so you are aware of what the focus of the book is. Please write in the reading record each time you read at home, this helps us if there is a particular sound or word they are struggling with. If your child has 5 comments in their reading record each week, they will receive 5 dojo points. You can also practise the keywords at home. These contain green words (words which you can sound out) and red word (words to learn by sight). All home learning will be uploaded to Seesaw.

Numeracy

During numeracy this half term we will focus on:

- Representing, comparing and composition of numbers 1 2 3 4 5
- Finding one more and one less
- Using positional language
- 2D shapes and their properties
- Time night and day
- Sequencing my day

Learning Challenge

During our Learning Challenge this half term we will be learning about dinosaurs. We will look at what happened to dinosaurs, the different types, dinosaur bones, palaeontologists and fossils. We will also look at Autumn including the changes in the environment, what happens to the leaves and how animals respond to the changes.

We will also look at the festivals and celebrations that take place in Autumn such as Halloween, bonfire night and Diwali, the festival of light.



Tapestry

Please see your child's class teacher if you have not set up your tapestry account. We welcome parents to upload photographs and observations of any learning or achievements outside of school. It is great to see and share with the class.

<u>Seesaw</u>

All home learning will now be added to Seesaw. You can also upload work, photographs and videos of your child's work at home. If you need support with Seesaw or need a new code to login please see your child's class teacher. EYFS Autumn term

<u>General</u>

We are encouraging the children to be as independent as possible in school. It would be fantastic if you could support us by practising with your child putting their coat on independently, putting zips up, recognising their own name on their belongings and getting dressed for PE.

Classroom doors close at 8:50am, any children arriving after this time need to go through the school office.

Please can the children not use the outdoor equipment on the playground at the start of the school day. This has been set up for the children's learning for the day.

Please can you return any story books that belong to school as we are running low on the books that we give out on a Friday.

We are currently planning am individual class Christmas celebration performance to take place Thursday 16th December in the morning. We are hoping to invite parents to come and watch us however as a school we are closely monitoring the COVID guidelines and will update you whether this will be held in person or online.

If you have any concerns, questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher.

> Thank you for your continued support, EYFS Team