



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.

### Literacy

Our Literacy work this half term will focus on the stories Dinosaurs Live Underpants, Stick Man and closer to Christmas 'The Jolly Christmas Postman'. During Read Write Inc phonics session we will be focusing on learning all of the set 1 sounds and segmenting and blending sounds in simple words and 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. 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.

## EYFS Autumn term



### Numeracy

During numeracy this half term we will focus on:

- Change within 5
- Identifying one more and one less from a given number
- Ordering and sequencing parts of the day
- Using language related to time
- Naming 2D shapes
- Talking about the properties of 2D shapes

### 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.

### Seesaw

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.

### General

PLEASE put your child's name on ALL items of clothing and shoes, including P.E. kit. This also includes hats, scarves and gloves now the weather is getting colder. 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.

All children need a water bottle in school every day. It is school policy that bottle contains water and not juice. Children only need a small water bottle as we have minimal storage for them. They can refill their water bottles when needed in school. A reminder to ensure that children carry their water bottles separately and they are not placed in book bags. We have had many reading books and letters ruined due to water damage!

Children are not permitted to bring in toys from home. This can become a distraction when learning is taking place and it can also cause upset if lost or damaged. Children also do not need to bring in rucksacks as we have limited space to store them. A bookbag is the perfect size to fit in the children's belongings in.

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