



Peacocks Newsletter - Term 2

Date: W/C 30<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Dear Parents/ Carers,

I hope you all had a lovely half term and are ready for Term 2! I just wanted to say a huge thank you for all the support you have given myself and your child last term! All the children have settled really well and it has been lovely to see more of their individual personalities come out as they have become more confident in the class.

### **Topic**

It's the most wonderful 'term' of the year!

This term our topic is 'Fire and Ice'. The children will be looking at different celebrations that are happening around this time of year, as well as, learning about cold climates and all about Christmas. Not to forget our Christmas production, which we will be starting to prepare for very soon!

As part of our Remembrance Day activities next week, we will be creating our own artwork to learn about Remembrance Day.

In addition to this, we will also be learning all about Diwali, what it is, how it is celebrated and who celebrates it. Following on from this, we will then look at a few other celebrations/ festivals that happen around the world – if your family has a celebration or festival we would love to hear about it. This could be Christmas, Holi, Ramadan – whatever it is, it would be great to share this with the rest of the class. I would also love to create a display to show what festivals and celebrations the children are a part of.

In our Welly Walks this term we will be learning about how to be safe around a camp fire and even have one ourselves!

Last term, the children we supposed to have a visit from the fire engine. Unfortunately, they were called out to an important job, meaning that they had to cancel. Mrs Lawrie has been able to rearrange this visit and so we will now have a visit this term on the 7<sup>th</sup> Nov as long as they are not needed elsewhere.



## Key dates

This is a busy term with lots going on. Here are a few key dates to keep in mind for the reception children:

- 30<sup>th</sup> Oct – Term 2 begins
- 30<sup>th</sup> Oct – Jonathans Jungle Roadshow
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov – School Disco (after school)
- 7<sup>th</sup> Nov – Fire engine visit
- 8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> Nov – Whole school Remembrance learning topic
- 10<sup>th</sup> Nov – Remembrance Day assembly
- 13<sup>th</sup> Nov – Individual school photos
- 13<sup>th</sup> Nov – Diwali focus
- 14<sup>th</sup> Nov – Book fair
- 14<sup>th</sup> Nov – Parents evening
- 15<sup>th</sup> Nov – Parents evening
- 8<sup>th</sup> Dec – Donations for fayre - Christmas jumper or dress down day
- 11<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> Dec – Whole school Christmas learning focus
- 12<sup>th</sup> Dec – Nativity dress rehearsal
- 13<sup>th</sup> Dec – Nativity (AM)
- 13<sup>th</sup> Dec – Christmas dinner day
- 14<sup>th</sup> Dec – Nativity (PM)
- 14<sup>th</sup> Dec – Playground Christmas carols (6pm)
- 15<sup>th</sup> Dec – Christmas Fayre (1:35pm)
- 19<sup>th</sup> Dec – Last day of Term 2 (1:30pm finish)



## Reminders

I just have a few reminders as we head into the new term:

- We expect you to be reading with your child at least **three times each week** and noting this down in their reading record. Please don't forget that your child's reading record and book should be coming in with them **every day**.
- We love going for Wellie Walks and as the weather gets colder and wetter, I would like to remind you to **bring in a pair of wellies** to be kept at school for your child so that they are still able to take part in this.
- Your child should be coming in with an **appropriate coat** for cold and wet weather everyday to allow them to stay warm and dry whilst playing outside.
- PE days are still on **Thursdays** so we ask that your child comes in wearing their PE kits on this day.
- Please can **all** clothing and other items that belong to your child be **labelled** (this helps to be able to return them if they go missing!).

There is so many other exciting things happening that I can't fit into the newsletter (otherwise it would be about 10 pages long!) so don't forget to follow our class Twitter page @RCPSPeacocks and look at Tapestry to keep update to date with what your child is learning at school 😊

Best wishes,  
Miss Armishaw