



Southcoates Primary Academy Newsletter

Thursday 9th January, 2025

Early Years

What did we learn last half term?

Last half term, our theme in Early Years was 'Celebrations'. We learnt about different celebrations around the world including Diwali, Bonfire Night, Remembrance Day and Christmas. To help us learn about the celebrations, we read a range of stories from around the world and explored other countries traditions through our play. We enjoyed learning about Christmas around the world!

We had a brilliant time performing our Nativity at the church. Our teachers thought we did an amazing job learning our lines and singing beautifully.



What will we be learning about this half term?

This week, we have started the Spring Term by learning about New Year Celebrations around the world, including Chinese New Year.

This half term, children in the Early Years will be learning about lots of famous Nursery Rhymes and Traditional Tales. Caterpillars will be learning a nursery rhyme a week and using this to explore other areas of learning. Butterflies will be learning a mixture of nursery rhymes and traditional tales such as The Three Little Pigs and using these to explore the other areas of learning. Bees are going to be focusing on more traditional tales and using these in our Drawing Club to draw and write our own versions of the stories, with a twist!

We will be painting and creating other art work ready for our Art Exhibition on Wednesday 12th February. We can't wait for you to see our creations!

We will be learning about animals and weather in different places around the world. We will also be looking at exploring more signs of winter and talking about how the weather changes as we begin to go from winter to spring.



What Can You Do to Help?

- In Reception, each day, your child will learn a sound in school. It would really help your child to practice their new sound at home each day, using the sound/picture sounds book provided.
- Please read with your child at least three times a week; including bed time stories you share together. This has a massive impact on their reading abilities and development as they move through the year.
- Try to help your child learn their numbers to 10. This could be done through counting games or nursery rhymes like '5 little ducks'.
- Support your child to hold a knife and fork correctly when eating at home.

Attendance

Last term, our whole school attendance was **95.0%**

Reception class attendance: **94.7%**

Dates for Your Diary

Tuesday 7th January:	First day of Spring term
Tuesday 21st January:	Rackets Cubed (Turtles)
Tuesday 28th January:	Rackets Cubed (Turtles)
Mon 3rd - Fri 7th February:	Children's Mental Health Week
Tuesday 4th February:	Rackets Cubed (Turtles)
Wed 5th - Thurs 6th February:	Parents' Evenings
Friday 7th February:	Number Day
Tuesday 11th February:	Safer Internet Day
	Rackets Cubed (Turtles)
Wednesday 12th February:	Art Exhibition
	IntoUniversity Workshop - Year 3
Friday 14th February:	Last day of term
Monday 24th February:	First day of second Spring half term