



Southcoates Primary Academy Newsletter

Thursday 7th November, 2024

Early Years

What did we learn last half term?

Last half term, children in the Early Years did lots of learning about our theme 'All About Me'. In English, we read a range of stories about starting school, why we are all special and about different types of families. This helped us to draw pictures of our families and re-tell stories we read together.

We learnt about how we change as we grow and about why we are all unique and special including our why we love our families. We also drew our own self-portraits. In science, we began exploring signs of autumn and how the weather began to change from summer.



What are we learning this half term?

This half term, our theme in Early Years is 'Celebrations'. We will be learning about different celebrations around the world including Diwali, Bonfire Night, Remembrance Day, Christmas and the New Year. To help us learn about the celebrations, we will be reading a range of stories from around the world and explore other countries traditions through our play. In science, we will be learning all about winter and observing the seasonal changes.

Soon, we will also be very busy preparing for our Nativity Performance at the church. We can't wait to perform for you on **Thursday 12th December**.



What Can You Do to Help?

- Each day, your child will learn a new 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; 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.

Dates for Your Diary

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| Wednesday 6th November: | Y1 and Reception balance bikes (every Weds.) |
| Mon 11th - Fri 15th November: | Anti-Bullying Week |
| Mon 11th - Fri 15th November: | Year Six IntoUniversity workshop (Miss Reed's set) |
| Tuesday 13th November: | Odd Socks Day |
| Wednesday 13th November: | Owl Class visit to Tophill Low Nature Reserve |
| Friday 15th November: | Children in Need day |
| Tuesday 19th November: | Rabbit Class visit to Tophill Low Nature Reserve |
| Wednesday 20th November: | Fox Class visit to Tophill Low Nature Reserve |
| Mon 25th - Fri 29th November: | Year Six IntoUniversity workshop (Mr Kemp's set) |
| Thursday 12th December: | Early Years Nativity Performance (afternoon) |
| Monday 16th December: | Gold Ticket Shop and Inspire Afternoon |
| Tuesday 17th December: | Carol Performance (afternoon) |
| Wednesday 18th December: | Christmas Dinner and Party Afternoon |
| Thursday 19th December: | Magic Carpet Theatre Show |
| Friday 20th December: | Southcoates Talent Show |
| | Last day of term |
| Tuesday 7th January: | First day of spring term |