



Warton St Paul's

Church of England Primary Academy

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Opal Class Autumn Term Two Newsletter

Welcome to a new half term in Reception. We have lots of exciting things to look forward to this half term.



Our theme this half term is Traditional Tales!



We will be reading lots of Traditional Tales and learning to retell them. We will be using props and pictures to help us to retell them.

We will also be finding out about different events that are happening in the next couple of months; including Diwali, Bonfire Night, Remembrance Day, Advent and Christmas. We will be starting to learn the Nativity songs ready for our Infant Nativity Performance in December.

RE

This half term in RE we will be learning about Christmas, Jesus' Birthday.

Key Questions

What is a birthday?

When is your birthday?

In what ways do you celebrate your birthday?

How do we celebrate Jesus' birthday?

Why was Jesus a special baby?



Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We will be learning about valuing differences. We will be talking about what makes us special and how we are different from other people. We will be learning more about families and different houses we might live in. We will also be finding out what makes a good friend and how we can care for others.



Physical Development

Mr Evans will be teaching PE for us every Tuesday Afternoon and Friday morning.

Children can come to school on their PE days in their kit. This is burgundy or blacks shorts and a white t-shirt. Children can also wear black joggers/leggings and a black hoodie or jacket. They are also allowed to wear trainers on PE days but please ensure they are velcro fastening if they are not able to tie laces.

Communication and Language

We will be telling stories this half term. We will be reading lots of stories and practising to retell them by using vocabulary from the original story. We will be using puppets and props to help us to retell the story. We will also be creating story maps to use to tell the stories we enjoy.

Literacy - Reading

We will be finishing Phase 2, the first set of letter sounds that we learn. We have been practising blending to reading and segmenting sounds to write words. This is something we will keep working on this half term.

Every child will be bringing home books with words in this half term. Please look at reading books and words at home each evening and bring them back to school the next day.



Literacy - Writing

We will be continuing with dough disco and funky fingers activities to strengthen the muscles in our hands for writing.

We are beginning to write simple, two and three letter words independently by breaking them up into single letter sounds and writing them. We will be moving on to putting them into simple sentences before christmas.

Maths

We will be singing lots of counting songs and using objects to visualise the song. We will be sorting, grouping and ordering objects. We will be learning about all of the numbers to 10.

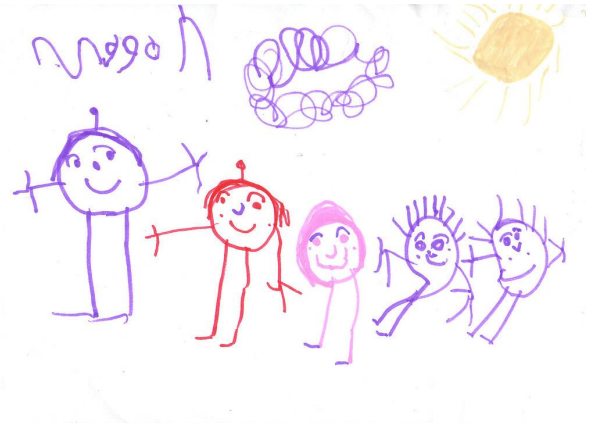
We are beginning to add and subtract to make numbers we have learnt so far.



Understanding the World

We will be learning about different celebrations and comparing them to celebrations we take part in. We will be trying different foods, dance and other activities. We are having a multi-faith week where we will be learning about other faiths and how they celebrate. In December we will be learning about Christmas and how we celebrate. We will also be looking at how people celebrated Christmas in the past.

We will be going down to Forest School during the week so it will be a good idea to keep welly boots and wet suits at school everyday where possible.



Expressive Art and Design

We will be giving the children opportunities to join in with songs and role play.

We will be using different textures to make bridges from the Three Billy Goats Gruff story.

We will be making firework pictures, Rangoli patterns and Christmas Cards.

We will be exploring instruments and tapping out simple rhythms.

Home-School Partnership

Things to remember to bring to school every day

Book bag, reading record and book, water bottle and a change of clothes (where needed).

Daily Home Learning

School reading book and sight words to be read every night and journal signed by an adult.

Half Termly Home Learning

Each half term your child will receive some different open-ended project tasks to be completed by a given date. The projects will be based on the topics we are doing in class and will be designed so that they can be completed together.

And finally ... The education of your child is a partnership between you and us. Please contact us if you have any worries or concerns about your child or feel there is something we need to be aware of. If you cannot see us at school, we can be contacted via the school office.

Here's to a great half term!
Mrs Fisher