



# EYFS Newsletter: Term 2 Nov-Dec 2024



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**Welcome Back** We hope you have all had a restful half term and have been able to enjoy the autumn as it increasingly takes hold. We were so impressed with how the children settled last term and are looking forward to maintaining positive routines; extending learning in a familiar environment and observing environmental changes and cultural traditions as we move into winter. ☺

### Learning in School

In Term 2, much of our learning is focused around colour and celebrations including Diwali and Christmas. We have carefully selected texts that support themes we want to explore at this time of year. To find out more about what we will be learning this term, you can look at our Term 2 Curriculum Map. This also includes ideas on how to support your child at home.



### Phonics

Phonics is how your child is being taught to read and write at this stage. This term, we will continue to teach new grapheme-phoneme correspondences (GPCs) and, by Christmas, children will have been introduced to nearly all of the GPCs we learn this year. There is a big push on reading and writing 3 letter CVC (consonant-vowel-consonant) words as well as sight-reading common exception words taught. We will continue to send home formation sheets when new letters are taught and weekly 'Learning to Read with Phonics' sheets which help you see and practise what we are covering in class. The reading books are targeted to individuals and are differentiated to match a child's current reading level. Please get in touch if you have any questions about phonics.

### Common Exception Word Bag

Towards the start of this term, we will give your child a word bag containing common exception word flashcards. This is to stay in your child's book bag so they can practise at home and in school. We will add to this bag over the year.

### Book Bags

Thank you for bringing a book bag to school every day. Please make sure all books stay in the book bag so they do not get lost. **Please never put a water bottle in a book bag.** Thank you for reading regularly and recording in the yellow reading record. This practice at home is so important to help children make progress.



### 'Wriggly Nativity'

In December, Reception children will put on two performances of 'Wriggly Nativity' for our Christmas show. We will tell the story of the Nativity in a child-friendly way. We will soon begin practising our songs for this show. Information will follow later about parts, costumes and getting tickets.

**EYFS Nativity - (10<sup>th</sup> Dec 2.00pm, 11<sup>th</sup> Dec 9.30am)**



### Evidence Me

We hope you are finding this app useful for seeing what we are learning in class. Thank you to those of you who have been sharing learning from home. This term, we would like to invite everyone to have a go at sharing some learning from home. This could be reading; spotting signs of autumn; colour mixing; learning about Diwali or Christmas; riding a bike; anything your child would like to share. Children enjoy sharing these pictures and videos with their class and they provide great material for practising our speaking and listening skills.



### Coats, hats and gloves

As the weather gets colder, please make sure your child comes to school with suitable **named** coats for outdoor play. We will continue to encourage children to manage this independently so children will benefit from practising this at home too.

### Involving Parents and Carers

Thank you to everyone who joined us for parents evening meetings at the end of last term. We really value this time to talk with you about your child. Further opportunities to get involved this term include: fortnightly open-door Fridays; our after school Stay and Play session on the final Monday of the term and coming to watch our nativity show!

### Key Dates

Fri 15<sup>th</sup> November - the first of our fortnightly Open Door Fridays

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Mon 16<sup>th</sup> Dec - EYFS Stay and Play 3:05-3:30

Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Dec - Last Day of Term

Thank you for your support,  
Mrs Upham, Mrs Holt, Mrs Dando, Mrs Wickens,  
Miss Clark, Mrs Willcox and Mrs Jordan