



EYFS Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn Term 2.

Celebrations

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are excited to welcome the children back for Term 2! The children have been on an incredible journey so far, building connections, showing resilience and a thirst for knowledge. Thank you for your ongoing support.



Our theme this term is “Celebrations”, where we’ll explore the wonders of autumn — from seasonal changes in nature to key events such as Diwali, Bonfire Night and Christmas. We’re excited to introduce the children to Drawing Club, which builds on Story Dough and immerses them in storytelling. This approach enriches their vocabulary and encourages them to use their imagination through drawing and then writing a code. This term, we’ll be exploring a variety of texts, including The Gruffalo, Hello Autumn, Anansi, Cinderella, The Gingerbread Man, The Jolly Christmas Postman, and The Nativity Story.

In Phonics, we’ll continue to expand our knowledge by introducing more digraphs (two letters that make one sound) and consolidating the initial sounds. We’ll support your child in blending sounds to read words with increasing fluency and there will be four new ‘tricky words’ each week. These need to be learned by sight, as these aren’t phonetically decodable yet. Please check the weekly home learning sheet and help your child review what they’ve learned. Practising letter formation and revisiting tricky words at home for both reading and spelling will be especially beneficial.

In Maths, we’ll continue developing a secure understanding of numbers up to 5, building on previous work in subitising, number formation, and number recognition.

In Music, we’ll work on repeating sound patterns with increasing accuracy, developing rhythm and control as we respond to music through movement. Children will also learn to choose sounds and instruments for specific purposes and use their voices confidently in a range of ways, including singing, speaking, and chanting to a steady beat.

In PSHE, we’ll reinforce our three school rules, encouraging children to reflect on their responsibilities and consider how their behaviour affects others. In RE, we’ll focus on the question: “Why are festivals important to religious communities?”

Within our Understanding the World curriculum, we’ll investigate seasonal change, learn about the spiders we find in Wye and compare them to spiders from around the world. We’ll also look at how the character Cinderella has changed over time and explore Christmas traditions from different cultures.

Mrs Selwood will be teaching dance this term in groups of 15 on Thursday afternoons in the Performing Arts Studio. We’ll also have PE lessons on Tuesday/ Wednesday afternoons, focusing on fundamental game skills.

During Learning Journey time, children will continue exploring classroom resources, our outdoor learning landscapes and developing their understanding of how to use them safely and purposefully.

Dates for your Diary

Friday 28th November – Cinderella Ball

Please can your child bring in some party/smart clothes for Cinderella’s Ball.

(We will ask for a donation of food nearer the time.)

You are also welcome to join us from 2:30pm.

Wednesday 10th December - Trip to Wye Café

Children will buy a Christmas biscuit from the café.

Please send your child to school with £1 in a named purse or envelope.

Thursday 11th December - Christmas Jumper Day

(Please send your child to school wearing a Christmas themed jumper/cardigan)

Reading

Please listen to your child read their Little Wandle book over the weekend and ensure it is returned to school on Monday, ready to be given to the next group.

PE

Please ensure your child has a full named indoor PE Kit.

Fundamentals Skills – Tuesday Bumblebee Class, Wednesday Butterfly Class.

Dance - Thursday with Mrs Selwood

Wellies and Waterproofs

Please can all children have these in school each day.