



# Early Years Newsletter

'We can and will succeed'

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### Message from the staff:

A very warm welcome back to the Autumn Term. This is an exciting half term as it is the run up to Christmas and we can't wait to begin the festivities! We will continue to use Seesaw to document children's learning in EYFS. You will be able to see your child's learning at school, add your own observations and complete home learning activities. Please come and speak to a member of staff if you have any questions, concerns or comments!

### Class Topic: Let's Celebrate!

We will be exploring different festivals this half term. We will look at festivals such as Diwali and Christmas and how this is celebrated throughout different countries. We will also look at Halloween and Bonfire Night and the importance of staying safe during these festivals and as it gets darker leading up to Christmas.



### Seasons

Learning about the seasons will continue throughout the year. We will be learning about seasonal changes and key features of Autumn. The children can discover natural Autumn resources in our investigation area.



### Knowledge and Understanding of the World:

Birthdays - how have we changed since we were a baby?

Nocturnal animals - making sense of habitats. Which animals are nocturnal?

Christmas - how it was celebrated in the past.

### White Rose Maths:

- It's me 1,2,3 - composition of 1,2 and 3.
- Circles and triangles - identify, name and compare circles and triangles, describe position.
- 1,2,3,4,5 - find, subitise and represent 1-5, one more, one less, composition of 1 to 5.
- Shapes with 4 sides - identify and name shapes with 4 sides, day and night.

### Literacy:

The children will be learning stories though 'Talk Through Stories'. We will be reading the stories frequently to get to know them really well and learning the vocabulary in them.

**The stories this term are: Room on the Broom, Owl Babies and Stick Man.**

**Phonics:** We will be teaching Phonics using the Read, Write Inc scheme. This half term the children will consolidate/learn the sounds: m, a, s, d, t, i, n, p, g, o, c, k, u, b, f, e, l, h, r, j, v, y, w, th, z, ch, qu, x, ng, nk.

**Name writing:** Children will continue to practise recognising and writing their name each day.

### Physical Development:

- ◆ Putting on and fastening coats.
- ◆ Moving around the hall.
- ◆ Using the outdoor area - climbing on the climbing frame and using the bikes.
- ◆ Holding a pencil correctly and using scissors to cut.



### Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Celebrating Differences  
 Piece 1 - What I Am Good At  
 Piece 2 - I'm Special, I'm Me!  
 Piece 3 - Families  
 Piece 4 - Houses and Homes  
 Piece 5 - Making Friends  
 Piece 6 - Standing up for Yourself

### Creative Development:

Firework pictures  
 Rocket models  
 Autumn pictures  
 Listening to music and making their own dances in response  
 Christmas decorations  
 Christmas cards



**How parents can help at home:** Please help your children to recognise and write their name. Read books with your child and encourage them to retell the stories. Practise your RWI speed sounds as often as possible. Practise counting objects at home and recognising the numerals 1 to 5.

### Days/Dates to remember:

- Monday 16th December 2pm - 3pm EYFS Christmas performance for parents.
- School closes for the Christmas holidays on Friday 20th December. School reopens on Monday 6th January 2025.

Please see the school calendar for other important dates.







