



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back after what we hope has been a restful half term holiday. We look forward to hearing about the exciting things the children have been up to! This half term is already looking very busy with lots of exciting events for you and the children.

THIS HALF TERM



We will be taking part in the schools ARTS week with the theme Armistice Day.

The children will be carrying out different activities linked to poppies. Also, we will be holding Maths Activity sessions where parents can come into school and experience maths learning through play alongside their child/ren. National Nursery Rhyme Week is another focus for Early Years. This enables the children to learn and recite classic nursery rhymes and experience other learning areas linked to them. Also this half term, we will be learning about Diwali and Pirates. In December we will, of course, be enjoying lots of Christmas themed activities linked to the different areas of development.

Christmas

We are very excited to announce that this year we will be doing an Early Years Nativity with Reception and Nursery children. We will be performing the 'A King is Born' to you on Wednesday 12th at 2.00pm and Thursday 13th December at 10.00am in the Infant Hall. You will be sent home details of your child's costume, which we will collect in on Wednesday 5th December. More details will follow shortly.



Our class Christmas post box will be available from the start of December and the children will be able to post Christmas cards to their friends. The last date for the children to post the cards will be on Tuesday 18th December; this ensures children will get their cards before we break up.



NATIONAL NURSERY RHYME WEEK

Nursery rhymes play an important role in early childhood by helping children master key skills such as language and communication and social and emotional skills. To celebrate National Nursery Rhyme Week, we will invite you in on Friday 23rd November at 2.45pm to take part in some singing linked to the nursery rhymes we have focussed on that week.

MATHS ACTIVITY SESSIONS

On Tuesday 13th November at 2.30 – 3.00pm and Wednesday 14th November at 9.00 – 9.30am we will open our doors to invite you in to take part in a hands on maths through play session. This will give you the opportunity to experience different maths activities linked to number and shape, both inside and outside.



Kind regards

Mrs Bugg and Mrs Whieldon

Dates for your diary!



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| - Week Commencing 5 th Nov | Arts Week – theme Armistice Day |
| - Tuesday 13 th and Wed 14 th Nov through play | Maths Activity Sessions – parent and child maths learning |
| - Friday 16 th Nov | Children in Need – Non Uniform Day |
| - Week Commencing 19 th Nov | Nursery Rhyme Week |
| - Friday 23 rd Nov | 2.45pm Nursery Rhyme Singing Session for Parents and children in their classrooms |
| - Monday 19 th and Wednesday 21 st Nov | Parent Consultations |
| - Monday 3 rd December | Decoration Day Children wear Christmas jumpers |
| - Wednesday 12 th December | 2pm Reception and Nursery Christmas Production |
| - Thursday 13 th December | 10am Reception and Nursery Christmas Production |
| - Tuesday 18 th December | Reception and Nursery Christmas Party – come dressed in party clothes |
| - Wednesday 19 th December | Christmas Lunch |
| - Friday 21 st December | Finish for Christmas Holidays at 1:15 |
| - Monday 7 th January | Back to School |

How to help your child at home:

- Reading a variety of books with your child.
- Retelling familiar stories in their own words or using the pictures in a book. Can they change the ending?
- Practising oral blending in games such as 'I Spy' (I spy a.. c-a-t/z-i-p).
- Hiding phonemes/words/alphabet/numbers around the house.
- Counting to 20 forwards and backwards and finding one more or one less to 10.
- Singing number rhymes such as Five Currant Buns, Five Little Men in a Flying Saucer, Ten Green Bottles.
- Tracing their name/letters/numbers in a variety of ways e.g. bubbles, salt, mud, shaving foam, cornflour and water.

Useful Websites

www.oxfordowl.co.uk

www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies

<http://www.letters-and-sounds.com>

<http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/freelIndex.htm>

<http://www.teachyourmonstertoread.com>

<http://www.crickweb.co.uk/Early-Years.html>

Apps

Hairy letters
Number Line

abc PocketPhonics
Ladybird Maths

Phonics Lilies
Hungry Fish

Forest Phonics
Math, Age 3-5 and Age 4-6