



Summercroft

Early Years

November 2020

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back after what we hope was a restful and enjoyable half term. We look forward to hearing about the exciting things the children have been up to! Please remember to add any half-term memories to tapestry for your child to share with their class.

THIS HALF TERM

In Early Years, our themes and activities are predominantly taken from the children's interests. Every day the children have Child Initiated Learning (ChIL), whereby they engage in different activities linked to all the areas of the curriculum. During this time the adults play alongside the children identifying what the children know through skilful questioning and conversation. They then provide elements of challenge in order to move them on in this area. The children also have short focused activities which are planned and led by the Adults.



As the term progresses we will continue to explore the season 'Autumn' and the Autumn Festival of Harvest. During this time we will also find out about Bonfire Night and the Hindu Festival 'Diwali'. If you have any exciting experiences or celebrations coming up over the next term, please let us know so we can incorporate these into our learning experiences for the children.

Nursery Rhyme Week

Week commencing 16th November, the children in Early Years will be taking part in National Nursery Rhyme week. During this week, the children will learn familiar and new Nursery rhymes and will carry out activities based on these, linked to all areas of the curriculum. Look out on Tapestry for snapshots across this week.



Decoration Day



Monday 30th November, children will need to come to school wearing a Christmas jumper. Decoration Day is a day of festive wonder, whereby the children make Christmas decorations to hang around the school and on the school Christmas tree.



FOREST SCHOOL

During the winter, we will continue with our Forest School programme. Therefore, please ensure your child brings to school a warm coat, hat and gloves (clearly named), as we can be outside for up to one and a half hours. Forest School is a great opportunity for the children to develop new skills and improve their learning powers such as resilience, risk-taking and co-operation outside of the classroom

LIBRARY BOOKS



Throughout the year, there will be the opportunity for your child to bring a library book home once a week (due to the current restrictions). The books borrowed must be returned before your child can take a new one. All returned books will be quarantined for 72 hours before they are added back to the class book areas. Therefore we would appreciate your co-operation with the systems set out below:

- **Nursery** – choose a book on their first day at nursery each week and return on their last day of the week
- **Willow Class** – choose a book on a Monday – return to school by the following Monday
- **Ash Class** – choose a book on a Thursday and return to school the following Thursday

PICK-UP ARRANGEMENTS

Just a quick reminder regarding the changes to end of day pick-up arrangements.

- **Nursery** will continue to be collected from the Nursery garden between 2.55 – 3.00pm
- **Ash Class** will be collected from the KS1 playground door (where they are dropped off in the morning) between 2.50 – 3.00pm.
- **Willow class** will be collected from the Reception garden (as they currently are) between 2.50 – 3.00pm.

We hope your child enjoys their second half term at school with all the exciting learning opportunities we have planned!

Mrs Bugg, Miss Webster and Miss Woodhouse

