



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back after what we hope was a restful and relaxing half term. We look forward to hearing about the exciting things the children have been up to! Please remember to fill in the Half Term Snapshot sheet and bring it in as a talking point for us. If you have misplaced the sheet then don't worry, we have plenty of spares!



THIS HALF TERM

In Nursery, we will begin by looking at the Hindu celebration of Diwali, followed by Bonfire Night. 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.

We will also be involved with the whole school 'Arts Week', whereby we will be looking at the artist Henri Matisse and his artwork titled 'The Sheaf'. During this we will investigate the trees that grow in our school grounds and create a leaf for the library, which is being transformed into the rainforest. We will also create our own artwork inspired by Matisse and his cut-out art.



Other topics covered will be inspired by the children's interests which are observed during their child initiated learning.

CHRISTMAS

We are very excited to announce that this year we will be doing an Early Years Concert with Reception and Nursery children. We will be performing our Christmas Concert to you on Wednesday 11th at 2.00pm and Thursday 12th 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 open for first post at 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 17th December; this ensures children will get their cards before we break up.



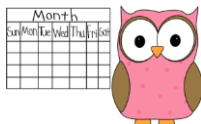
NATIONAL NURSERY RHYME WEEK - week commencing 18th November 2019

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 invite you in to school on Friday 22nd November at 9.05am to share some of the Nursery rhymes we have been focussing on this week.

MATHS ACTIVITY SESSIONS

On Wednesday 27th November at 2.30 – 3.00pm, we will opening 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 with your child.





Dates for your diary!

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| - Week Commencing 4 th Nov | Arts Week – theme Henri Matisse |
| - Week Commencing 18 th Nov | Nursery Rhyme Week |
| - Friday 22 nd Nov | 9.05am Nursery Rhyme Singing Session for Parent in your child's classrooms |
| - Monday 18 th | Parent Consultations 1.00pm onwards |
| - Wednesday 20 th Nov | Parent Consultations 3.30pm onwards |
| - Monday 25 th Nov | Occasional Day – School closed |
| - Wednesday 27 th Nov | Maths Activity Sessions – parent and child maths learning through play |
| - Monday 2 nd December | Decoration Day Children wear Christmas jumpers |
| - Wednesday 11 th December | 2pm Reception and Nursery Christmas Concert |
| - Thursday 12 th December | 10am Reception and Nursery Christmas Concert |
| - Friday 20 th December | Finish for Christmas Holidays at 1.15pm |
| - Tuesday 7 th January 2020 | 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 and writing their name/letters/numbers in a variety of ways e.g. bubbles, salt, mud, shaving foam, cornflour and water.

Many thanks,

Miss Webster