

Reminders and Notices:



Dates for your diary- sign up sheets for Winter Craft Open Days up from Monday 13th November!

Winter Crafts Open Day where there will be lots of fun things to make and do!

Miss Burke - Wednesday 6th December

Miss Stein - Thursday 7th December

Mrs Boynton - Friday 8th December

Christmas Play- all details of parts and costumes will be given soon

- Tickets will also be given out for the performance week beginning 20th November
- Performance will be Thursday 14th December at 9:15am and 2:30pm
- Each child will be given two tickets for either the morning or afternoon, if you can not make the time you have been given please speak to your child's teacher as soon as possible once you have received your tickets
- You will need your tickets to come to see the performance to help us control numbers as part of Health & Safety regulations so please keep them in a safe place!

Christmas Party- Monday 18th December

- children may come to school in their party clothes

Junk Modelling ~ we would be very grateful if you could save and bring into school things that we can use. Items such as clean yoghurt pots, cardboard tubes (not toilet rolls) and empty cereal boxes are of great use for children to create models. We also need old or unwanted birthday, thank you or Christmas cards and envelopes in the writing area

Boots and Coats ~ please can you ensure your child has a coat and wellies/boots for outside play. All children access the outdoor areas every session, so it is important they are appropriately dressed. We have a welly shelf if you would like to keep a pair of wellies in school

Please make sure all items of clothing/footwear are named.

PE ~ After Christmas the children will need a full PE kit. This should include a white t-shirt, navy/black shorts, socks and pumps. The children are currently learning how to remove their shoes, socks and jumpers. If you already have some pumps or want to send their PE kit in to school, please do! Please make sure all items of clothing/footwear/bags are clearly named

Reading ~ Thank you to everyone who is supporting their child with their reading books, rainbow words and phonics at home. These need to be kept in your child's school bag and sent into school every day

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Light and Dark

What will we discover?

We are so proud of all the children and how hard they are working with their Reading and Phonics activities at home!

This half term the children will be focusing on:

Personal Social and Emotional development:

- Confidence to explain their own knowledge and understanding and ask appropriate questions of others
- Playing co-operatively by taking turns with others and working as part of a group. Understanding how our actions can affect other people
- Confidence to try new activities and explain why we like some activities more than others

Communication and Language:

- Listening and responding to ideas expressed by others in conversation or discussion
- Listening and responding to stories, using and answering 'how' and 'why' questions
- Using past, present and future forms accurately when talking about events that have happened or are going to happen in the future

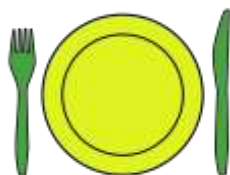
Physical development:

- Using a tripod grip to make meaningful marks and begin to form recognisable letters. Handling one handed tools effectively and safely
- Discussing the importance of exercise and a healthy diet

Ask the children about our 'nip, flip and grip' strategy for holding writing tools!



We are also supporting the children to become more independent with using a fork and knife to cut and eat their food



Mathematics:

- Counting, recognising and ordering numbers to 20 and beyond
- Finding one more and one less than to 20 in order to solve problems
- Investigating and describing 2D and 3D shapes using mathematical language

Literacy and Phonics:

- Stories linked to our topic such as Fireworks, the story of Diwali and nocturnal animals
- Learning new sounds through Read, Write Inc. and using our phonic knowledge to read and write words and simple sentences
- Developing our reading skills with individual reading books and rainbow words

Expressive Arts and Design:

- Exploring different roles and adding narratives to our imaginative play
- Musical instruments and dance
- Exploring and combining a range of media and materials to create different effects

Understanding the World

- Light and Dark
- Nocturnal Animals
- Understanding how different cultures celebrate special occasions e.g. Bonfire Night, Diwali, Christmas



Wow Moments:



It is also great to hear about any news or special occasions that have happened over the weekend or any milestones children may have achieved at home. Please fill out one of our Wow moments for your child to share with their class and teacher



Please do not hesitate to pop in and see us at the beginning or end of a session if you have any worries or concerns about your child.