



EYFS Newsletter

Autumn Term Two 2018

A great first term

The first term has flown by and as we reflect on the first 8 weeks, its' hard to believe that the children have only been in school for a short time. They are beginning to get to grips with new routines, the environment and the expectations. It has been a busy term and we would like to thank you for supporting us and your child with the home learning, sending in photos, completing questionnaires etc. We have had some lovely comments from children, parents and visitors about the activities that the children have been involved in from bike and scooter day, Shipley Park visit, dressing up, senses week, making soup, baking, tasting new foods etc.



Next term will be just as busy, fun and exciting!!!

Children in Need

As a school we will be supporting Children in Need on Friday 16th November 2018. The theme is spots! Children are encouraged to come to school in non uniform and/or wear spots. Any donation made will be sent to Children in Need.



What we have planned for the children...

Below is a very brief overview of what we will be learning this term. Our Topic is all about being Time Detectives . We have asked the children what they would like to learn about that happened in the past and we have incorporated their ideas into our planning.

Week	Literacy	Phonics	Numeracy	Topic	Special events
1 5/11	Poems	j v w x	One more	Great Fire of London Remembrance	
2 12/11	Fiction Text	y z zz qu	One less	Neil Armstrong Florence Nightingale	Children in Need
3 19/11	Fiction Text	ch sh th ng	Ordering	Toys now and then Victorians	Bring a teddy 20th Nov Grandparent morn- ing—23rd Nov
4 26/11	Fiction Text	ai ee igh oa	Composing and decomposing	Knights and castles/Robin Hood Mythical creatures	Dress up 30th Nov—Knights and Princesses
5 3/12	Labelling	oo ar or ur	Communitive addi- tion with exchange	Prehistoric: Dinosaurs Cavemen	
6 10/12	Speech bubbles	ow oi ear air	Addition as com- bining	Christmas	PTA winter won- derland
7 17/12	Consolidation	er oo	Addition as add- ing on	Nativity	Nativity Performances Christmas Party— 20th Dec

Other Exciting Opportunities

We will have a Christmas baking day during this term where the children will experience a variety of different cooking techniques, like melting chocolate, making cakes, pastry and sweets.



The children will be busy with lots of Christmas themed art and craft activities.

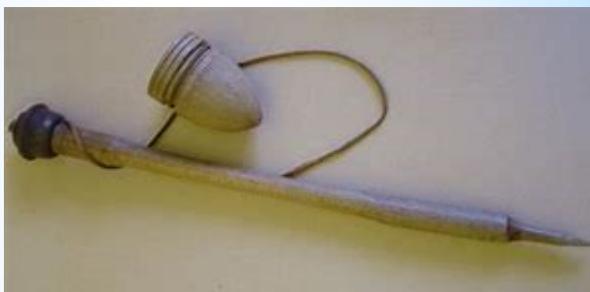
Christmas Party

Our Christmas party is on Thursday 20th December 2018. This is a lovely day where the children enjoy playing traditional party games and having party food all together. Children are encouraged to come to school that day in Party clothes and sensible shoes but please do consider the weather and toileting. We also request that you provide a little something for the party food. More details to follow nearer the time.



Grandparent Morning

As part of our Time Detectives topic and the focus of toys, we would like to invite Grandparents into EYFS on Friday 23rd November 2018 at 9am till 11am. We would really appreciate it if Grandparents could bring any memorabilia from their childhood to share with the children. Items like teddy bears, toys, photos etc. We plan to share the artefacts, have a drink and biscuit and allow Grandparents to see how school has changed over the years and to allow the children to show the Grandparents where they work and what they do. In the past this has been a lovely informal few hours. If Grandparents can only stay a short time that is fine.



On Friday 30th November 2018 children are welcome to come to school dressed as a knight, Robin Hood, Maid Marion or something else from medieval times. If your child doesn't wish to dress up then they come to school in their normal uniform.



The Nativity

Auditions and rehearsals are underway in preparation for our Nativity performance. We will inform you nearer the time as to which part your child has in the performance along with any required costume/accessories. School will provide most of the costume so please do not go out and purchase anything. We will also send home script lines for you to help your child learn.

Please save the dates for what will hopefully be a lovely time to watch your children in action.

Tuesday 18th December 2018 at 9.30am

Wednesday 19th December 2018 at 1.45pm

The performances will last approximately 20 minutes. Tickets will be issued nearer the time



Home Learning

We have been really pleased with how well the children have been doing with their home learning. Please keep working with your child on their handwriting, sounds and keywords. We can really see a difference and it's clear from their progress which children have been having the support at home. Fantastic! Keep up this great work.

Important Diary Dates:

- 5th Nov—Return to school
- 19th Nov—INSET Day
- 20th Nov— Bring a Teddy to School
- 23rd Nov—Grandparent Morning
- 30th Nov—Dress up Day
- 14th Dec—PTA Winter Wonderland
- 18th Dec—Nativity Performance
- 19th Dec—Nativity Performance