

Homework: Foundation Stage children will continue to take loan books home to share with an adult. Reception children will also bring a shared reading book and a reading diary home weekly. Please read with your child/listen to them read regularly and record a comment in their reading diaries. This will inform school on how they are using their phonic skills at home. All of the children will be given a topic-related homework grid which the whole family can take part in. Some additional numeracy and phonic work will be sent on an individual basis.

PE: Children will take part in PE lessons weekly. The reception children are expected to bring their PE kit in on a Monday and leave it in school until a Friday. The kit should include a house coloured t-shirt, shorts and plimsolls, which are all **clearly labelled with names.**

We would ask that you bring book bags daily in order to allow for books to be changed and homework to be set. Any letters which are sent home will be placed in your child's book bag so please check them daily.

If you wish to discuss anything with the Foundation Stage staff then please feel free to do so at the end of the day or you can make an appointment via the office.

If you require any guidance with routines for your child, behaviour support or any other matter, we have a Parent Support Advisor - Mrs Wyatt and a Parent Support Worker, Mrs Ferens who will be more than happy to help you.

Foundation Stage Newsletter

Celebrations



Welcome back! We hope you all had a lovely autumn break and that you are ready for an eventful half term with the build up to Christmas.

This newsletter is to give you an overview of what your child will be covering this half term in Foundation Stage.

Knowledge of the World

Our topic this half term is 'Celebrations'; this will focus on lots of different celebrations such as Bonfire night, Weddings, Birthdays, Baptisms and Christmas. Children will be using our classroom areas to explore our topic. We will be visiting St Alphonsus' Church to learn how some of the celebrations take place in Church. The children will go to Church to take part in a friendship ceremony as part of a wedding celebration and we will be holding a Baptism celebration where we will baptise one of the dolls. You will be more than welcome to attend - more information to follow. It would be greatly appreciated if you could send some photographs of special celebrations into school as well as a picture of your child as a baby. We will scan the photographs to enable the children to talk about them and then return them to you. Also if anyone has bridesmaid dresses, page boy suits or christening gowns they no longer wish to keep we would be very grateful if they could be sent into school for the children to dress up in / dress the teddies / dolls in.

Literacy

Children will continue to learn to recognise and write their names. The older children will continue to learn to use their phonic sounds when writing new words and sentences.

The older children will also continue to use their phonic knowledge to read words and sentences and learn some new tricky words. The children will be writing lists, letters and cards.

Maths

We will be working with numbers to 10 and 20. We will practise counting in 1's and 10s for the older children daily. The older children will be learning to add two groups together and the younger children will be learning to use the vocabulary of adding one more to a given number. All children will learn more about shapes and their properties.

Expressive art & design

We will be making cards, hats, invitations, bunting and cakes as well as lots of Christmas products during our celebrations topic.

We will be holding a birthday party for the children's bears as part of our birthday celebrations. The Nursery children will be visiting the theatre to watch Pinocchio whilst the Reception children will be visiting Hardwick Hall to take part in the Enchanted Christmas event.

At the end of this half term your child will be performing in our Foundation stage Nativity as well as making items for our Christmas Fayre.