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Reception Newsletter

Autumn Term 2

Hope you have had a restful half-term. We are already enjoying our new topic based on Celebrations. We will be thinking about **Light and Dark** – the changing seasons and focusing on a few Autumn / Winter festivals about light and colour – Diwali, Bonfire Night, Remembrance and Christmas. We will use the CBeebies Poppy animated film to learn about Remembrance. Please keep accessing our online learning platform Tapestry for updates and ideas.

Communication and language

We will be learning and using new vocabulary in context throughout the day. This will include retelling the Christmas story and other celebrations as well as making links and sharing why celebrations are important to us. Will also be looking at different celebrations around the world.

Maths

As mathematicians we are learning to subitise and identify different compositions of 2 and 3. Skills will include counting on and back within 5, challenge to 10. The children will be introduced to a 5's frame, predicting what will happen if we add 1 more or 1 less. Concepts of time in relation to day and night will be explored as well as basic shape descriptions.

Literacy

In writing we will apply our phonic knowledge to blend and segment words and record ideas during guided and independent focuses. We will continue to form letters correctly and develop our handwriting.

Physical Development

We will be using a range of tools to develop both fine and gross motor skills within gymnastics and in our workshop using scissors, Sellotape and wrapping paper as part of our topic.

Understanding the World

Discuss Celebrations that are important to me and celebrations that are important to other people in our community and in other countries. Name a variety of different celebrations that happen each year (Christmas, Birthdays, Bonfire night). Look at the nativity story and how its events happened a long time ago, discussing how things that have happened are considered the past.

Reading Books

All reception class now have their own set of flash cards to help read key words to support fluency. We have noticed that the children have been practicing their key words at home. Please ensure your child brings their books into school each day so they can read with an adult.

Personal, Emotional and Social

This term we are learning about each other's differences and similarities. We are going to work together to accomplish a goal and how to show kindness to one another.

Key Vocabulary – celebrations, uniqueness, and traditions.

Core Christian Value



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10th November - Armistice Service
13th November – Anti-bullying Week
17th November – Children in Need
19th December – Nativity
21st December – Christmas Service at Church; break up



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Dear Parents/Carers,

WOOHOO... MONDAY 13TH NOVEMBER IS ODD SOCKS DAY!

WHAT IS ODD SOCKS DAY?

Odd Socks Day is part of Anti-Bullying Week! To celebrate that we are all unique, we ask that children wear odd socks to school on Monday 13th November. Last year over 13,000 schools took part in Odd Socks Day. Andy Day (CBeebies/CBBC) and his band Andy and the Odd Socks are supporting the Anti-Bullying Alliance to help bring Odd Socks Day to life again this year. Have a listen to the brilliant song they have recorded especially for Anti-Bullying Week, Make a Noise.

WHY IS ODD SOCKS DAY IMPORTANT?

The day sends an important message to pupils that they should be allowed to be themselves free from bullying and helps us celebrate Anti-Bullying Week in a fun and positive way.



WHAT DO WE NEED FROM YOU?

It's so easy ☺ Here's what you do:

1. **Make sure your child wears odd socks to school**
2. **Donate £1 to help the Anti-Bullying Alliance carry on important work**
3. **If you want to, you can share a photo online using #OddSocksDay #AntiBullyingWeek and tag @abaonline and @AndyOddSock on Twitter. Or @antibullyingalliance and @andyandtheoddssocks on Instagram.**

Monday
13TH
November

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

Every penny goes to the Anti-Bullying Alliance to help continue all their work. We can't wait to see all the Odd Socks on Monday 13th November ...

If you have any questions please ask:



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