



## Reception Butterflies Newsletter – Autumn 2

### Welcome

Welcome back, I hope you had a lovely, restful break. Autumn 2 is a lovely fun term in the run up to Christmas. Here is what we'll be up to...

### Phonics and Reading

This term we will be continuing to learn and use phase 2 sounds including digraphs. We will be sending home an information sheet with the sounds and tricky words we will be learning this term as well as a sound mat home that your child can keep at home, to support them.



We will send a reading book and diary home this term. All children will have a book which will be changed weekly. The children can also bring home a picture book to read for pleasure. More information to follow.

### Literacy

In Literacy we will be looking at celebrations, including Bonfire Night, Diwali and Christmas. We will be recounting the main events in a story, using non-fiction books as a source of information and looking at a poem related to celebrations. This term we will continue to practise writing our name using our writing scheme Kinetic Letters as well as writing simple words.



### Maths

This term, we will be focussing on counting skills and the 'five-ness of 5' using one hand and the die pattern for 5. We will be comparing sets by matching, using the language of comparison: more than, fewer than, an equal number. Then we will explore the concept of 'whole' and 'part' and focus on the composition of 3, 4 and 5. Towards the end of term we will focus on object counting skills, match numerals to quantities within 10 and verbal counting beyond 20.



### Communication and language

We will continue to develop the children's listening skills, through stories, songs and rhymes and be taught the importance of listening in school.

The children will have lots of opportunities to talk and ask questions.



### **Personal, Social and Emotional Development**

We will continue to support the children with the rules and routines of the class and school which will be ongoing throughout the term. The children will be encouraged to make choices in class to promote positive behaviours. The adults will continue to assist children in becoming more independent in class. The children will have opportunities to express themselves through activities, song and dance.



### **Physical development**

This term we will progress to learning the letter families from our writing scheme, Kinetic Letters as well as continuing to practise our animal positions to make our bodies strong for writing. We will continue to provide activities to further develop the children's fine and gross motor skills which in turn will help with their letter formation.



### **Understanding the World**

This term our new topic is entitled 'Let's Celebrate'. We will be looking at different celebrations such as Bonfire night, Diwali and Christmas.



### **Expressive arts and design**

In DT this term we will be making junk modelling. We will explore and learn about various types of permanent and temporary join. The children are encouraged to tinker using a combination of materials and joining techniques in the junk modelling area.



We will be learning Christmas songs and performing a Christmas nativity this term.

### **Helping your child learn at home**

Continue to support your child to be independent, putting on and taking off their coats and shoes. They should also practise using a knife and fork at mealtimes.

We suggest your child practises their reading book 3 times a week to make good progress.

Encourage correct letter formation especially the letters within their names. We will be sending home a phase 2 sound mat to support them at home.

Support your children to recognise, sort and count numbers confidently 0-5, 0-10.



### **Enrichment**

This term we will have a visitor to speak to the children about the celebration of Diwali.





### **Skills Builder**

The Skills Builder Universal Framework provides a common language for building essential skills with children and young people.

Research shows that building essential skills supports social and emotional wellbeing, learning and academic outcomes and careers and opportunities



### **Rewards**

The children will receive 'Dojo Points' as reward for good behaviour, work and attitude.



### **Class information**

**Class Teacher:** Miss Hendry and Mrs Turner

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**Supported by:** Mrs Kim O'Donovan and Mrs Dack

Please discourage your children from bringing their own toys to school.  
In order to keep books and letters in good condition we ask that all children bring a bag to school every day.

**Please remember to name your child's school jumper or cardigan.**

Please remember if you are making your child a packed lunch, we ask you not to put anything in that contains nuts.

### **Dates for the diary!**

#### **Autumn 2**

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October – school reopens for pupils.

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November – Reception 2024 Open evening 4.00pm – 5.00pm

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November - Discos

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November – Anti-bullying week – Odd Socks Day

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November – Children in Need Day

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December – GAT Training Day – school closed.

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December – Reception Nativity 2.00 pm





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Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December – Nursery Sing-along - 9.0 am.

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December – Reception Nativity – 2.00pm

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Dinner and jumper day

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Crafts afternoon 1.30pm

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December – KS1 Christmas Concerts 9.30am and 2.00pm

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December – KS2 Christmas Concert 2.30pm

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December – school closes for Christmas

