

# Reception Newsletter Autumn Term 2

**Welcome to Term 2.** We hope you have had a lovely half term and that the children have had time to rest and recharge before another busy term. Please find below some information that we hope you will find useful for this term. Come and talk to us at the end of the day if you have any further questions.

**Miss Bate, Mrs Field and Mrs Green – Teaching Team. TA Support Team: Mrs Spiers and Miss Greeves.**



The children are working hard to learn their sounds, please review these regularly at home and try to work on the ones they find difficult. Now the children have completed their reading

tasks, we will be sending home either a book with no words, to develop the children's story telling skills, or a blending book when they can blend sounds into words. In addition, they will bring home a story book to share. Please try and read with your child on a daily basis as this will help them immensely with their learning. Your child will need their **reading log and reading book** in school **each day**, even if you haven't read at home so that we can read with them in school. Books will be changed on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday.



From this term, we will be teaching the children in small groups according to their phonic knowledge, this means that we can work on the next steps specific to your child.



Please support your child by reading daily and reviewing the RWI sounds and practising letter formation on the sheets we send home. Help your child subitise (recognise amounts to 5 without counting) by playing dice games and using the free White Rose 1 Minute Maths app.

## Dates for the Diary:

17<sup>th</sup> November - Children in Need Day  
24<sup>th</sup> November - Parent Device workshop  
28<sup>th</sup> November - Flu Vaccinations  
1<sup>st</sup> December - Non school uniform day  
8<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Dinner and Christmas jumper day.  
12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> December 2pm – Nativity to parents.  
12<sup>th</sup> December 4pm – Carols around the tree.  
End of term – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 1.30pm



Our topic this term is 'Cultural Celebrations'. We will be learning about Bonfire night, Remembrance Sunday, Diwali, Hannukah and Christmas. We will read a different book each week and our child-initiated work will be based around this book. These are the books we will be reading:

**Ella's Night Lights**  
**Ava's Poppy**  
**The Best Diwali Ever!**  
**Kipper's Birthday**  
**Hannukah Bear**  
**Stick Man**  
**The Jolly Christmas Postman**



This term we will be learning to subitise to 5, count objects in a set, composing numbers to 5 and comparing quantities. In addition, the children will also be learning to recognise the properties of circles, triangles and squares and using positional language.



Please ensure your child comes to school wearing their P.E. kit on their class P.E. day. It is important that earrings are removed and we would suggest the children wear black trainers instead of plimsolls so that their feet don't get wet at playtime and lunch time when it rains.

**RGF PE Day - Monday**  
**RB PE Day - Tuesday**



If you need to talk to us at any time, please catch us on the door in the morning or afternoon, or make an appointment at the office.

Alternatively email us: [yearr@kingsnorth.kent.sch.uk](mailto:yearr@kingsnorth.kent.sch.uk) and we will happily help with your enquiry.

For general enquiries please email:

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