



EYFS Newsletter



Autumn 2—2024/2025

Notices and Reminders

1. Please ensure all clothes are labelled as this helps when the children are changing for PE.
2. PE kits will come home at half term to be washed and checked for labels.

Communication and Language

During this half term, the children will learn the difference between asking a question and giving an answer. They will also practise following two-step instructions, enhancing their listening and cognitive abilities.

The children will build their confidence to speak confidently in front of the whole class, sharing their life experiences.

As the holiday season approaches, they will get into the festive spirit by learning to sing a range of Christmas songs with their classmates.



Physical Development

In fine motor this half term, the children will be focusing on making anti-clockwise movements while mark making, drawing lines and circles and beginning to write own name and taught letters. They will also be consolidating scissor skills and begin to cut straight lines and zig zags.

In gross motor this half term, the children will learn to balance, along with the movements of hopping and jumping. This will incorporate the use of apparatus such as benches. They will learn to use these safely.

Key dates

Wednesday 6th and Thursday 7th November - Individual Photos

Friday 8th November - Remembrance
Children can wear Guides, Brownies, Cubs, Beavers uniforms

Tuesday 19th November - Flu Vaccinations

Friday 22nd November - This is Me Day

Saturday 7th December - HLSA Christmas Fair

Thursday 12th December - YR Nativity (9.15-10.15)

Friday 13th December - Christmas Jumper Day

Tuesday 10th December - End of term concert for students of Mr Dancer (2.30)

Wednesday 18th December - Christmas Lunch

Friday 20th December - The last day of term

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

This half term the children will be developing their understanding of emotions. They will be looking at the feelings excited and scared alongside a wider range of emotions. The children will also be learning about positive relationships with friends and staff. The children will also be learning the academy rules and how to follow them.



Literacy

The children will continue to practise and embed the phonic sounds that they have learnt so far and begin to learn digraphs (two letters that make one sound e.g. sh, ch).

The children will be exploring Traditional Tales this half term. They will learn the stories through actions and text maps. The children will be using their phonic knowledge to write labels and captions.



Mathematics

The children will explore finding the different ways of showing groups of 4 and 5. The children will have lots of opportunities to count confidently from 'one' to 'five', making sure that they count each item once. They will explore the concept of one more and one less, looking at numbers between 1-5. They will also learn the names and properties of the 2D shapes circles and triangles. The children will compare these using mathematical language such as sides and corners.



Understanding the World

This half term the children will be learning more about the seasons as we move into colder weather. The children will also be learning about different celebrations around the world and how these are celebrated in different families.



Expressive Arts and Design

This half term the children will be exploring drawings and different materials they can use to create them. We are also making gingerbread men linked to our learning of The Gingerbread Man in talk for writing! Lastly, we will be practising our Christmas songs and performance skills ready for our Nativity performances!



Homework

1. Reading daily- ELS book
2. Phonics- learning of sounds/writing of sounds
3. Reading for pleasure- story sack book/activity.



Suggested books for reading

