## **Reception Autumn News!**



### What am I learning this half term?

Hope you had a lovely break and feel refreshed and ready for the following term! We have a brilliant topic to kick start this half term with excellent learning opportunities to inspire and motivate. It is all linked around Celebrations such as Bonfire, Diwali and Christmas!

This term on our Rocket Phonics we will be introduced to new texts and use new phonic sounds, we will begin to identify sounds in various places in a word. Our focus is blending words using synthetic systematic strategies.

In Mathematics we will understand number vocabulary and will be learning to count and recognise quantities and numerals. Also, we will be learning how to recognise and name coins. Reception will understand the importance of cultural celebrations and talk about different and similar cultural routines. During our carpet sessions we will be able to investigate and explain light and dark.

In Technology we will be learning how to express communication through media. In music we will explain the meaning of rhyme.

In Science we will be able to say the changes of the season winter.

#### **PE Dates**

Reception PE is every
Monday and Friday.
Reception children should
bring their PE kit to
school on that day. In your
PE kit you should have a
white t-shirt, tracksuit
bottoms or black shorts
and trainers.

#### Let's Celebrate



### Early Bird Writing Task

Arrive in school as soon as you so can so we can do our early morning writing activity together.

#### **Reading Books**

We will be encouraging the children to read every day.
Please listen to your children read at home or access Bug Club.
A reading record will be sent home with your child to record any reading done at home.

#### Homework

Within Reception, children are given homework on a weekly basis. This will include weekly spellings, words to learn and maths work. Parents are asked to read with their children each night, if possible.

#### **Home School Communication**

We would like to thank everyone for their brilliant use of online links through Tapestry. Sharing learning at home with school is an essential part of supporting your child.

You will receive at least one observation of your child's learning through Tapestry so please look out for these.

Keep up sending your home learning its brilliant!

#### **Topic**

Our topic this half term is Let's Celebrate.

The children will be learning about differences and similarities among cultural celebrations.

We will use this as a tool to include storytelling, introducing new vocabulary and role play to support our experiences. In Science, we will be learning about weather changes and explain light and dark.

We will also be learning about the method of sticking torn pieces of coloured paper together. Our Artist of the half term is Kiyoshi Yamashita who was widely known as the "Japanese Van Gogh".



Our Book of the half term is Pass the Jam Jim.



### A Guide to using Tapestry



# To view your child's learning journal

- 1. Login
- 2. Go to the 'children' tab (you will see your child's name only).
- 3. Click on your child's photo
- 4. Select 'view Joe's journal.'
- 5. Select the observation you wish to view.
- 6. Add a comment if you wish e.g. well done, or Joe also took turns in a board game at home this weekend.

## To add your own observation at home....

#### To add notes....

- Click on 'obs' tab at top of screen.
- Click on 'add observation.'
- Type in information; title, date notes.

#### To add a photo.....

- Click on 'add media' to upload a photo.
- Click on 'add file'
- Click on 'start upload'

#### Finally...Click save!

Your child's key person will then be notified of your observation and use it to support your child's learning and progress.