



Belonging

Respect

Responsibility

In **Reading**, Our focus is to be able to sequence the events in a story, talk about what we think what might happen, and we liked or did not like about our stories. We are reading for fluency and self-correcting if the word does not make sense in the context of the sentence.

In **Writing**, we will be adding interesting detail to our work using conjunctions and expanded noun phrases. We will continue to explore different purposes for writing such as letters and postcards.

In **handwriting**, we will be learning how to join our cursive letters.

In **Geography**: We will be exploring India learning facts about its physical and human geographical features

In **DT**, we will find out about the importance of Diya lamps and be designing and making one from clay.

Our topic this half-term is
Divali and

Advent India



In **Science**, we will be learning about animals and their habitats. That humans need water, food and air to survive. Humans have offspring that mature and grow into adults.

In **SCARF**, we will explore the theme “valuing difference”. This will discuss topics such as differences, being unkind compared to bullying and special people.

In **Art**, we will be working with clay and thinking about the 3D form of the face to create the giant’s face from the Jack and the Beanstalk.

In **Computing**, we will remind ourselves of being safe online and how to log on to Purple Mash. We will also learn how to do coding

In **RE**, we look at the concept of candle being a symbol for Hindus at Diwali and advent at Christmas in the Christian calendar.

We will also explore the journeys that the various people made in the Christmas story and their relevance and importance.

In **Mathematics**, we will start off with multiplication and division with regards to the 2x, 5x and 10x table. We will be counting in 2s, 5s and 10s. This will feed into sharing equally and finding half and quarters of objects, shapes and quantities. We will also be exploring odd and even numbers. Next, we will look at common 2D and 3D shapes and be able to recognise and name them. We will learn about symmetry and symmetrical patterns. Finally, we will solve addition and subtraction problems.

In **PE**: In dance, we will be learning Indian dance gestures and movements by creating routines.

In Cricket, will be practising our ball skills, learning how to control a ball with feet, hands and equipment.

We encourage you to come and speak to any member of the team to share your concerns and joys. Please ensure an appointment is made via the school office to speak with your teacher.



How you can help your child at home:

Reading: Please continue supporting them by providing them opportunities for them to be reading regularly their colour book band book from school. Sharing a story or a rhyme/poem is also a valuable activity, which helps to develop their language and vocabulary. Please continue to sign your child's reading diary each time you read together.

Maths: Find 2D and 3D shapes around your home or out and about. Look for symmetrical patterns or objects around you. Practise your 2, 5 and 10 times tables until you are fluent.

Grammar and punctuation: Within our literacy sessions at school we will also be having grammar and punctuation sessions. The link below will give you some ideas of what your child could be doing at home throughout the year. If you have any questions, please speak to your class teacher.

[Writing - Oxford Owl for Home](#)

Check Tapestry for messages regularly

Every Friday we will send home ideas for home learning. There is no expectation for this homework to be completed and submitted on a Monday. We just know some children like to do additional work at home.

Don't forget to:

Send in a water bottle on Monday

Bring your book and reading diary every Monday – books can be swapped any day by your child.

Name all of your child's belongings

Check the "Weekly overview" newsletter that is sent by email every Friday.

Dates for your diary

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November

- 20th November – School photos
- 24th November – PTA Dress Down Day
- 24th November – PTA Neon Disco
- 30th November – Flu Immunisations

December

- 1st December – Christmas Decoration Making
- 6th December – Christmas Panto
- 8th December – Christmas Fayre
- 11th Santa's Grotto
- 11th/12th/13th – Christmas performances
- 14th – Christmas Dinner
- 15th – Last day of term

Further information will be available closer to the time.

Belongings

Please ensure your child's name is on **all** of their clothing, lunch boxes and PE kits. We already have items of unnamed clothing that have gone missing and have wasted valuable learning time looking for clothes. We have a pile of lost property outside the Caterpillar classroom.



PE

We will not be doing outdoor PE for the next two half terms due to the cold and wet weather. .