

Year R Newsletter Autumn 2 2022



Our topics this half-term are “**People who help us/Our Community**”, “**It’s my birthday**” and “**Christmas**”.

Literacy – We will continue to learn our phonic sounds and high frequency words on a daily basis. We will explore fiction and non –fiction books about autumn; where we live; birthdays and Christmas.

Mathematics – In our maths sessions we will be working on representing, comparing and exploring the composition of numbers to 5. We will also begin to look at the properties of 2D shapes. These will be in whole class sessions and child led play. As a class, these concepts are explored through number blocks and our mental maths sessions with Wilbur the Wizard! Ask your child to tell you about Wilbur.

Understanding of the world – The children continue to explore autumn as the environment changes. We will also be learning about people who help us in the community, such as firefighters, the police, doctors and dentists. We will also investigate home routines and celebrations as well as those of the wider community. Children will be encouraged to talk about their own experiences as well as listen to and discuss the thoughts of others.

Art and design – This half term we will be making Autumn collage pictures using natural resources.

Physical Development – We continue to develop our movement skills through twice weekly PE sessions which will be focused on ball skills and agility.

How you can help your child at home:

Letter-join

Handwriting: We can now offer access to our school handwriting programme. If your child would like to practise handwriting patterns at home on the tablet or computer, please follow the link to Letterjoin on our school website. Just go to Key Information - Curriculum - Writing. The log in user name is **vt0015** and the password is **home**. See the class teachers if you need help getting started with this.

Reading: Read on a regular basis, either the phonically decodable reading book in your child’s book bag or one of the Oxford Owl digital resources.

Play board games that involve turn taking and dice games to help with subitising (recognising an amount without needing to count eg on a dice.)

Go for a walk and encourage the children to listen, look and talk about the things they see and hear.



Please continue to share home learning with us through Tapestry using photos and videos. The children really enjoy sharing their stories, photos and videos on the big screen.



PE Days

Wednesday is indoor PE

Friday is outdoor PE- please send your child into school wearing leggings or tracksuit bottoms, and normal school cardigan/sweatshirt)

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Dates for your diary

Anti-bullying week
14th-18th November

School Picture Day
14th November

Flu Immunisation
17th November

Children in Need
Friday 18th November

Pantomime
Monday 12th December

Christmas Jumper Day and Decoration day (Parents to be invited in for the afternoon – more details to follow)
Friday 9th December

Christmas Performances
13th/14th /15th – more details to follow

Christmas Holidays
19th December to 2nd January 2023



Water Bottles

Please ensure your child has their water bottle in school every day.