

# Foundation Stage 2

## Newsletter

### Autumn Term 2 2021

#### Personal, Social & Emotional Development

We will be thinking about self-confidence, talking about what we enjoy, what we are good at and what we need help with. We will also be trying to see other perspectives than our own, using characters in stories as well as important dates such as remembrance day and Children in Need to do this.

#### Physical Development

Children will continue to develop both their fine and gross motor skills using the inside and outside learning environments. We will have a large focus on fine motor skills and pencil control, especially accurate letter formation. This can be supported at home with lots of activities like playdough, building, cutting and colouring activities that all strengthen the finger muscles as well as practising writing letters using the prompts sent home.

#### Communication and Language

We will continue to develop our speaking and listening skills in our daily circle time. We will encourage the children to take part in class discussions to share their thoughts, ideas and opinions.

#### Literacy

This half term we will continue to learn new sounds and practise letter formation in order to read and write simple words. We will be focussing on stories by Julia Donaldson during story time but we will also continue to enjoy and discuss a wide range of books.

#### Maths

This half term we will be concentrating on the numbers 4 and 5, shapes with 4 sides, one more and one less and begin thinking about time. We will also be focussing on subitising where children recognise a number of objects without having to count them. Playing games involving dice can really help your children with this skill.

#### Understanding of the World

The children will have plenty of hands on practical opportunities to investigate and explore the natural world. Coming up to Christmas we will also be talking about families, celebrations and traditions.

#### Expressive Arts & Design

Children will continue to have the opportunity to use their imaginations, sing songs, dance and create beautiful masterpieces. Not to forget we will be creating Christmas cards and calendars and creating a lovely Christmas show to share.

#### Autumn 2 home learning Ideas

1. Bring in photos of you and your friends/family enjoying different celebrations to share with the class. This could be bonfire night, birthdays, Diwali, Christmas etc.
2. Go on an autumn walk collecting autumn treasures such as interesting leaves to share with the class.
3. Keep a weather chart for a week and bring it in.
4. Draw a fireworks picture.
5. As the weather gets colder can you draw someone dressed for a cold day?
6. Make a model of something that interests you and bring it in for a show and tell with the class.

#### A Note to Families

In reception we really value the learning possibilities from learning outdoors and even though the weather is getting a little colder and damper we will still aim to be out every day. With this in mind please ensure your child has a suitable warm, waterproof coat in school each day and if possible a pair of named wellies.

If you have any queries or questions at all, please feel free to let us know at drop off or pick up and we can arrange a time to discuss this.

Working together we can provide your children with the best possible learning opportunities.

Thank you for your continued support,  
The Foundation Stage 2 Team.

