

# Foundation Stage 2

## Newsletter

### Autumn 2 Key Words

celebrations traditions  
beliefs

gathering decorations culture

Diwali Christmas Bonfire

fireworks whizzing display  
exciting

charity remembrance

### Literacy

This half term we will continue to learn new sounds, and practise our blending skills and letter formation in order to read and write simple words during phonics. In our story telling session we will be thinking about two books; owl babies by Martin Waddell and Oh Christmas Tree by Sue Hendra and Paul Linnet. We will learn to retell the stories in our own words and take part in activities based on the stories.

### Maths

This half term we will begin by thinking about number 5 including learning all the number pairs that make 5. We will then move on to focus on recognising and representing numbers 6 – 9 and learning to count and subitise within these numbers.

### 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. Draw a fireworks picture.
4. As the weather gets colder can you draw

### 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. As a large amount of our outdoor area is grass please could you ensure your child also brings in a pair of named wellies or they will not be able to use this section of the outdoor area. If your child struggles to put their own coat on and fasten it please could you practise at home as well as practising putting on their own shoes/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.

### Personal, Social & Emotional Development

We will be using our knowledge of feelings and emotions to think about other people's 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 continue our focus on fine motor skills and pencil control, especially accurate letter formation for name writing.

This can be supported at home with lots of activities like playdough and and colouring activities that all strengthen the finger muscles as well as practising name writing.

### Communication and Language

We will continue to develop our speaking and listening skills through our provision and class discussions. We will encourage the children to share their thoughts, ideas and opinions.

### Understanding of the World

During our project learning this half term children will be thinking about different peoples' beliefs and the traditions and celebrations linked to these. As well as this we will be thinking about seasonal changes, specifically autumn and winter.

### Expressive Arts & Design

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