

Curriculum Letter for YR - Autumn Term 2 2023

General Information

Wow, what a busy first half term! We are really enjoyed getting to know everyone and have had a great start to the school year. We have got lots more exciting activities planned for the next couple of months - watch this space. 😊

As the weather is so changeable, please make sure your child has a coat in school every day.

A polite reminder about our voluntary autumn term donation of £3. This much needed fund enables our children to take part in regular messy play and cooking sessions, as well as helping to pay for replacement items throughout the year such as craft materials. Many thanks for your support by making this payment via ParentPay.

Curriculum

Our topic this half term is **Friendship and Festivals**. We will be reading lots of fantastic stories about **friendship** and doing a range of activities linked to them. Our core books are 'A Best Friend for Bear' and 'Puffin Peter' by Petr Horáček and 'Hello Friend' by Rebecca Cobb.

We will be thinking about key events and festivals that take place in November and December. We will be having a visit from Rabbi Jacobi to talk about Hanukkah and will be thinking about the Nativity story as we prepare for our Christmas performance.

Each term we explore the seasons, at the moment we are looking how our local environment changes during **Autumn**. We will be taking part in World Nursery Rhyme week from 13-17th November we be learning new rhymes and revisiting traditional ones too.

We love to explore our local area. This half term we will be going on Christmas quest and walking to the postbox to post our letters to Santa.

We follow the **Little Wandle** phonics and reading programme. This includes daily whole class phonics lessons, as well as regular reading sessions, with an adult throughout the week. We have just started reading groups, so look out for a letter about how to access eBooks from home. Please refer to the documents sent home on Tapestry, showing the sounds that we have already covered and those will be covering this half term.

Maths will be taught daily, following the **My Mastery** scheme. We will be focusing on the key skills of addition and subtraction. We will also be sorting shapes and using different units of measure.

PE Days

PE is timetabled for Friday mornings with Coach Romaine, all children must wear their PE kits to school. PE takes place in small groups with the children learning to play games together which focus on developing their gross motor skills.



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Reading

Children will bring home a library book each Friday to share with their family. EBooks are set every Friday too, so you can log in from home and listen to your child read the book that they have been using in their reading group.

Homework

Each Friday we set a short homework activity. This is either a hands-on activity, a talk task or an assignment on *Busy Things*. The task will reinforce learning that has taken place during the school week.

Key Dates and Events

13 th November	Odd Socks Day as part of Anti Bullying Week
14 th November	Parents' meetings
16 th November	Parents' meetings
21 st November	RB Story Café 3:00 p.m. in the main hall
23 rd November	RW Story Café 3:00 p.m. in the main hall
24 th November	PTA Christmas Cracker after school
28 th November	Flu spray immunisation
7 th December	RB Christmas Nativity 2:30 p.m. main hall
8 th December	Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children
8 th December	Christmas school lunch
11 th December	RW Christmas Nativity 2:30 p.m. main hall
20 th December	End of term 2:00 p.m.
8 th January	Start of Spring term