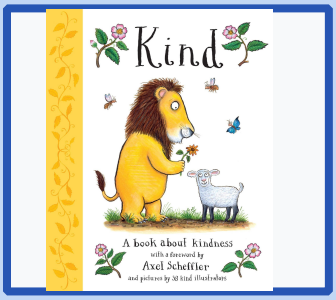
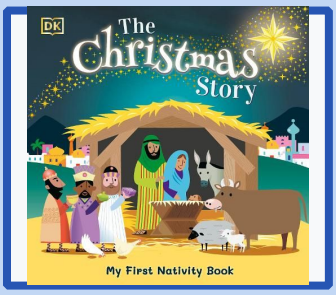
Reception Autumn 2 Learning Bulletin

We are looking forward to another busy half term in Reception with lots of exciting learning opportunities





Literacy

Writing

Our writing outcomes will be:

- using our senses to describe Autumn
- how I am kind
- writing CVC words e.g. m-a-t, d-i-g
- ordering the Christmas story
- writing a letter to Father Christmas
- describing what part they are playing in our Christmas show

Reading

We will introduce the children to the following sounds u, b, f, e, l, h, r, j, v, y, w, z,x ,sh, th, ng, ch, qu, nk. We will also teach 'red words' (words that can only be read by sight) - 'the', 'I', 'a', 'put', 'my' and 'you'. Your child will bring home a reading book matched to their phonic knowledge as well as a book they have chosen for you to read to them at home. We will also listen to stories, sing songs, identify initial sounds, oral blending and blending simple words.

Maths

Key knowledge:

- representing, subitising and the composition of numbers up to 5
- finding 1 more and 1 less
- identifying and naming 2D shapes and observing them in the environment
- positional language

Maths Vocabulary

subitise, number, more, less, 2D shape, circle, rectangle, square, triangle, positional language, behind, in front, in between, on, in, under

Personal, Social, Emotional Development

Key knowledge:

- identifying something I am good at
- understanding that being different makes me special
- understanding that we are all different but the same in certain ways
- explaining why home is special to me
- demonstrating how to be a kind friend
- 'stop, I don't like it'
- self-regulation
- managing self
- building relationships
- rules and routines

Vocabulary:

same, different, special, home, share, kindness, kind hands, (+ words for a range of feelings: angry/sad/happy/excited)

Physical Development

Gross Motor

Key skills:

- Negotiate space and obstacles safely with consideration for themselves and others. Demonstrate strength, balance and coordination when playing. Move energetically, such as running, jumping, dancing, hopping, skipping and climbing

Fine Motor

pre-writing activities, pencil grip, scissor skills, threading, tweezers, playdough, forming the daily sounds accurately

Understanding the World

Science

Key Knowledge:

- know the name of the four seasons: Autumn focus
- observe and compare the seasons
- recap our 5 senses

Key Vocabulary:

Autumn, summer, seasons, change, observe, winter, spring, see, hear, smell, taste, touch.

History

Key knowledge:

- The Gunpowder Plot happened in the past.
- Tell part of the story of the Gunpowder Plot.
- How people celebrate Bonfire Night.
- Know that Remembrance Day happened in the past.
- Remembrance Day is a day to remember people who have died fighting in wars.
- People wear poppies on Remembrance Day.

Key vocabulary

Remember, past, soldier, Guy Fawkes, Catholics, Houses of Parliament

RE

Key Knowledge:

- Festivals are a time to celebrate and remember
- Christmas is a festival that some people around the world celebrate
- the story of Christmas is about when a man called Jesus was born.

Key Vocabulary:

festival, celebrate, church, Christian, Christmas, Mary, Joseph, Jesus, manger, donkey, wise men, star, shepherds, Bethlehem

Expressive Arts and Design

Art

Key knowledge:

- fireworks are colourful lines
- scratching can show colours
- Wassily Kandinsky was an artist
- pictures have shapes, lines and colours

Key Vocabulary: artist, 2D shapes, patterns, stencils, drawing, scratch, lines, swirls

Music

Key skills:

- copying rhythm and pitch
- singing songs
- learning Christmas songs
- listening to and observing rhythmical patterns

Key Dates:

- **Tuesday 3rd November -** Firework night (doors open at 5pm)
- **Friday 20th November** - Odd Socks day
- **Wednesday 2nd Decembe**r - open classrooms 8.45 - 9.15
- **Friday 4th December** - YR trip to the Lyric theatre
- **Thursday 10th December** - Jade class Christmas performance at 9.30am
- **Friday 11th December** - Opal class Christmas performance at 9.30am
- **Thursday 17th December** - Christmas jumper day and Christmas lunch
- **Friday 18th December** - school closes at 1.30pm

Key Information:

- 'Star moments' happen every Friday.
- Please label every single item of clothing your child wears at school.
- Please don't use our climbing frame or equipment after school. Please collect your child and leave through the green gates promptly.
- Please return borrowed items of clothing from school washed and ready for someone else to use.

Suggested Books to Read:

- Leaf Man - Lois Ehlert
- Kind - Axel Scheffler
- The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark - Jill Tomlinson
- Home - Carson Ellis
- The Christmas Story

Suggested places to visit or activities to do:

- an autumn walk
- library
- pantomime

Useful websites to support learning:

- Phonics play- https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/
- Phonics bloom - https://www.phonicsbloom.com/
- Top marks - https://www.topmarks.co.uk/
- ICT games - https://ictgames.com/mobilePage/index.html
- CBeebies Numberblocks - https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episodes/b08bzfnh/numberblocks