



Year R Newsletter - Autumn 2

Welcome back! We hope that you all had a lovely, relaxing break. Thank you so much for coming in to support the 'suitcase' event, pumpkin carving and also to the many dads, granddads and uncles who joined us for FUDGE day.

What's happening in Year R?

Our topic this half term is
Nursery Rhymes.

We will be having a particular focus
on finding words that rhyme.

The children will be continuing to
learn new phonemes in phonics and
learning how to apply these in
reading and writing.

In maths we will be securing and
developing understanding of number,
including number recognition,
accurate counting to 10 (and beyond
when children are ready). We will
also be focussing on the
mathematical language of *more*, *less*
and *fewer*.

Dates for your diary (see school website for full list of dates)

Weds 8th Nov - Poppy merchandise
available to buy for YR children

Weds 15th Nov - Everybody Reads
Day. YR focus author - **Jill Murphy**.
Come and share stories with the
children at 2.30pm

Friday 17th Nov - Children in Need
'Spotty Day'. Dress spotty for £1!

Weds 8th - Fri 10th Nov - Book Fayre

Year R Nativity - Tuesday 12th December

The children will be performing a nativity production entitled 'Born in a Barn' in celebration of Christmas on Tuesday 12th December 2017.

There will be two performances at 9.30 and 2pm.

A separate letter stating your child's role and costume will be sent home in due course.

PIPSA Christmas shopping day; Weds 6th December

All children are given the opportunity to take part in our Christmas shopping day. This will take place on Wednesday 6th December during the school day. A separate letter will follow soon with further details. Lots of parent helpers will be needed to run stalls and help children to shop so please contact PIPSA if you are available to help!

Keeping warm

As winter
approaches please
can you ensure that
your child's coats,
hats, scarves and
gloves are named.
Thank you!

How you can support at home

Please practise high frequency words and new letter sounds (phonemes) that your child brings home. It would be helpful if you could look for these in other contexts, for example; when you are sharing a bedtime story

Pick out words that rhyme in nursery rhymes and stories.

Help your child to count groups of objects by touching each object as they count. Look for numbers out in the environment and name them, for example, when out shopping.

Ask your child if they can find one more, less or fewer than a number focussing on numbers below 10 initially.

Complete our 'optional homework' with your child - see separate sheet.

Water Bottles

Please can you
ensure that
children come into
school with a
named, filled
water bottle every
day.



Coming into School

Well done to all the children for greeting us on the first day back this half-term with beaming smiles! Thank you for supporting their independence by saying goodbye before they come in and allowing them to organize their own belongings.

If you have any concerns or queries please come and talk to us - we look forward to working together to achieve the best for your child. If you need to have a chat with your child's class teacher, the best time of day would be after school.

Thank you for your support, The Year R team