



**Year R  
Autumn 2**

Welcome back everyone! We hope you had a lovely half term break. Please find below information about your child's learning for this half term and how you can support them with this.  
Many thanks: Mrs Rice, Mrs Glanville, Mrs Howell, Mrs Lelliott, Mrs Read, Mrs Griffiths, Mrs Ford and Mrs Hall.



**Reminders**

**PE** - Wednesday  
**Forest Schools** –Wednesday pm (3-week rota)  
**Library** - Wednesday

**Key Dates**

**13<sup>th</sup> Nov:** Year R visit to St Wilfrid's Church  
**11<sup>th</sup> Dec:** Rabbits nativity (2pm)  
**12<sup>th</sup> Dec:** Squirrels nativity (9am) and Foxes nativity (2pm)

**Literacy**

We are now mid-way through Level 2 of the phonics scheme. We will continue to learn the single sounds as well as introducing children to the term "digraphs". Children will use their robot phonic arm to sound out and blend CVC words as well as learning new tricky words by sight.

**Maths**

The children will look at numbers up to 5 focusing on correctly forming, comparing, and representing them in different ways. We will also look at 2D shapes with up to 4 sides and use some positional language.

**Expressive Arts & Design**

The children will continue to work collaboratively to explore a variety of different crafts and use these to express their ideas. They will continue to listen attentively to, and talk about music, expressing their feelings and responses. They will engage in music making and dance both in groups and on their own.

**Understanding the World**

The children will recognise that people have different beliefs and celebrate special times in different ways by looking at a variety of winter festivals including Christmas and Diwali. They will also explore the effect of the changing seasons during their Forest School sessions.

**Physical Development**

The children will have many opportunities to continue to develop their gross motor skills in the outdoor environment using lots of different equipment including: play equipment, bikes and building equipment. They will develop a more fluent style of moving with control and grace. The children will continue to develop the foundations of a handwriting style that is accurate and efficient and we will spend time each week working on fine motor skills to help them achieve this.

**Communication & Language**

This half term children will continue to engage in conversations with adults and their new friends, enabling them to strengthen positive relationships. They will develop their skills in listening to each other, particularly with waiting their turn and letting others talk while they listen. We will be providing opportunities for children to extend their vocabulary through storytelling and their own use of imaginative play. Adults will also be using questioning to check understanding.

**Personal, Social and Emotional Development**

The children are now expected to follow the school rules in both the inside and outside learning areas. They will continue to develop their sense of responsibility and membership of our school community. They will be encouraged to talk with others to resolve conflicts and talk about their feelings relating them to the zones of regulation. In addition to this, we will consider the feelings of others, and how we can look at things from another perspective. We are focusing on building their independent skills to enable them to show resilience and perseverance in the face of a challenge.

**Thank you for your ongoing support.**