

Term 2

The first week back after half term we will be focusing on maths. The whole school will be doing lots of problem solving and practical maths. The Infants will be looking at patterns, some of which will be connected to Diwali.

Afterwards we will be focusing on three texts; Goldilocks and the Three Bears, Billy Goats Gruff and The Jolly Christmas Postman. If you have any copies of these, it would be lovely if your child could bring them in to share. We will be looking at different versions, comparing them and retelling them.

Uniform

As the weather gets colder don't forget to send in named hats, scarves, gloves and Wellington boots, as we would like the children to be equipped to use the outdoor activities in all weather. Lost property with no name will be left in the cloakroom. After a week it will be moved to the lost property cupboard outside the office.

Year 1

Mrs Rudd and Mrs Stockley

Splat Challenges and Exploring Time

Many of you have heard the children talking about Splat Challenges. These are activities for individuals to practise throughout the week during exploring time. The children are expected to self regulate their completed challenges by stamping or ticking their names. The challenges include handwriting activities, games to practise phonics and a variety of maths challenges.

Christmas Nativity

This year our Nativity is Lights, Camel, Action! All of the children in the Infants will take part. Please look out for cast letters over the next few weeks to let you know which part your child will be playing and if they need any clothes towards their costume.

We ticket our Nativity, so that we can ensure we don't go over capacity in the hall. There will be a letter about this soon for you to request your tickets.

Parent Helpers

We are always grateful for parent and grandparent helpers, as some of our activities will not be able to go ahead without your help.

Please let us know if you could help with any of the following:

* **Forest School:** Foundation - Thursday pm
Year 1 - Thursday 10:15- 12:00 pm.

* **Cooking** - Fridays

* **Reading** - any day and time!

We would also be grateful for helpers in the run up to Christmas to help with art activities and extra cooking.

If you have any other interests or activities you could help with please let us know! Thank you.

Nativity creative evening

We need your help!

We would like to invite you to come in to school on the evening of Wednesday 23rd November at 6:30 to help us make some props and costumes for the nativity production. We will provide the wine and nibbles and hope this will be a sociable evening for everyone to enjoy.

Topic Overview - Year One Once Upon a Time... /Let's Celebrate

Classroom Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shoe Shop in home corner • Santa's workshop • North Pole Post Office • Old fashioned sitting room for Christmas 	Educational Visits/ Visitors	Cornerstone Theatre : Emily Brown and the Thing Christmas Church Service
Wow Factor Launch	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dress up as a fairytale character : Monday 7th November • Decorate the class for Christmas with the Children (week 5) 	Key Texts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goldilocks and the Three Bears • The Elves and the Shoemaker • The Night Before Christmas
Outcomes /Open Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christmas arts and crafts, • Cooking • Retelling stories 	Homework	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading and sharing stories daily. • Spelling & Grammar activities.
English	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Storytelling and story mapping • Reading traditional stories • Writing own versions of known story • Writing Christmas letters and lists • Weekly Big Write linked to topic 	Maths	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Counting forwards and backwards in steps of ones, twos and tens. • Using a number line / objects to add and takeaway. • Learning Number bonds to 10 • Practical Maths games • 2D and 3D shapes
Art / DT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christmas art and craft • Cooking • Printing patterns • Cutting skills – snowflakes and rows of snowmen • Sewing 	Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seasons - Signs of change • Investigate materials • Light sources – link to homes in the past.
RE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Talking about peoples' beliefs and celebrations. • Compare the similarities and differences. • Diwali • Hannukah • Christmas 	Music	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nativity songs • Christmas dancing! • Listening to Peter and the Wolf, then composing own 'mood' music for stories.
Computing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Using keyboard and mouse • Using Chrome books • Navigating 'Phonics Play' to do Phonics activities • Purple Mash - Maths games 	PE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dance • Multiskills and team games.
		Forest School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Team Games • Popcorn bird feeders. • Talking about migration and hibernation.
History	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Homes in the past 	Languages	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greetings in other languages
Geography	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Track Santa through the continents • Christmas customs in other countries 	PSHE + SMSC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learning to be Learners- Brain, Buddy, Boss