

Yellow & Rainbow Room Newsletter Autumn 2

Welcome back! We hope you have enjoyed half term. This half term our Enquiry Theme will be '**What comes out at night?**' We will be learning about which animals we see during the day and which animals we see at night. We will also be exploring different sources of light and how to make shadows. We will be discussing road safety and how some materials reflect light. We will also be looking at changes in the seasons as we move into Winter. In the first week back we will be learning about the festival of Diwali and towards the end of the term we will be writing letters to Santa, performing our Nativity and having fun on Christmas Craft Day!

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Maths

We will begin the half term learning how the numbers 1, 2 and 3 can be represented and comparing them. We will then be exploring circles and triangles. After that, we will be learning to represent numbers 4 and 5 and finding one more and one less. We will begin to think about how we can make the numbers in different ways e.g. 5 is made of 2 and 3, 5 is made of 1 and 4. We will also explore shapes with 4 sides.



Phonics

This half term we are continuing to learn our new sounds and graphemes. We will be learning the following phonemes:

h, b, f, l, ll, j, v, w, x, y, z, qu, ch, sh, th, ng, nk, ai, ee, igh, oa

We will also be learning the following harder to read and spell words:

as, his, he, she, buses, we, be, me, push, was, her, my, you



Muddy Explorers

Your child will continue to explore the muddy explorers garden, even when the weather is cold. Please make sure your child brings their welly boots on the following days:

Yellow Room – Thursday
Rainbow Room – Monday



As the weather is turning cooler, please make sure your child brings a coat to school every day. They may also bring hats, gloves and scarves – please make sure they are clearly named.

Your child will need to have a P.E. kit in school, named shorts and T-shirt in a small drawstring bag. They will continue to have Ball Skills on a Wednesday and should come to school in their sports kit. Natalie may take them outside even when the weather is cooler so please make sure your child has a school jumper or cardigan to wear.

Your child will read to a member of the Foundation team at least once every two weeks. They will also be reading daily during our Phonics lesson. When you read with your child at home please record a simple comment in their Learning Journal, this will count towards their Reading Award. The decodable book should be read four times a week at home. Please make sure your child's reading book is in their book bag everyday as we may need them in school – Thank you.



Literacy

This half term we will be reading the text 'Peace at Last' by Jill Murphy. We will be retelling the story, adding sound effects with instruments. We will be reading some non-fiction books about nocturnal animals and writing simple facts.

We will be practicing holding our pencil correctly and trying to write letters using the correct formation. We will be thinking about the sounds we can hear in each word as we write them down.



On the afternoon of **Thursday 11th December** we will be going to Southwell Methodist Church to find out more about how Christians celebrate Christmas.

Friday 28th November will be our Christmas Craft Day. If you would like to join us for either the morning or the afternoon please let us know.

If you have any questions, please contact your child's class teacher.

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