



- Diversity Week
- Wb 10<sup>th</sup> November
- Odd Socks Day – (anti-bullying)
- 10<sup>th</sup> November
- Children in Need
- Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November – wear something spotty or bright (no onesies please).
- INSET Day
- Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November
- Parents / Carers Evenings
- 2nd & 4th December – TBC
- Christmas Fair
- Friday 5th December
- Christmas Jumper Day
- Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December
- Christmas Holidays
- Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December to Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January

Welcome back!

We hope you had a good break - the children certainly came back with lots of lovely stories. We can't believe we have already completed half a term with the class and we have enjoyed every minute! We are looking forward to another exciting term!

There are lots of important dates coming up, so please make a note of them!

Ms Mitchell & Ms Jackie

Our topic this term is 'Let's Celebrate!' and we will be learning about different celebrations that occur during the term. (Of course we will also learn about other celebrations as they happen throughout the year!)



In Literacy we will be:

**Reading** - using our sounds to read decodable books.

Expressing opinions about events in a story.

Hearing and making rhymes

**Writing** - representing initial and following sounds to label pictures, make lists, begin to write simple sentences.

We will recap all of Phase 2 and begin to learn our Phase 3 sounds

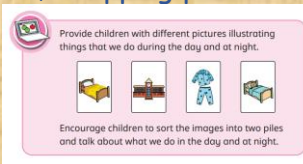
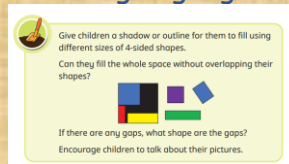
**Tricky words:** to, the, no, go, I, into, her



In Maths we will make different arrangements of numbers within 5 and talk about what we can see, to develop our conceptual subitising skills. We will try to 'spot' smaller numbers 'hiding' inside larger numbers connect quantities and numbers to finger patterns and explore different ways of representing numbers on our fingers. We will also be developing counting skills and knowledge, comparing sets of objects by matching and begin to develop the language of 'whole' when talking about objects which have parts.



We will continue to learn about shapes, our focus this term is shapes with 4 sides - there will be lots of fun practical activities. 'What do we do during the day or at night?' as well as mass, capacity, length and height will also be taught through practical tasks such as weighing ingredients, wrapping presents etc.



### Other news:

*A polite reminder - please make sure that your child has their reading book and reading record in their bag every day. Also, please comment or sign to show that you have read with your child. A little every day will really support your child to progress with their reading.*

*Phonics Bloom, Phonics Play and Teach Your Monster to Read are some great websites that will capture the imagination of reluctant readers and challenge those who want a bit more to do! Of course, we have assigned books on Bug Club too - please let us know if you are still having difficulty accessing this.*

*Please make sure your child has a pair of shoes to change into if they wear their wellies to school. It is very uncomfortable trying to cross your legs when sitting on the carpet with boots on! Also please make sure everything is labelled - the children often don't recognise their clothes!*

*As we said in last term's newsletter, a big part of Early Years is supporting the children to become independent. Please make sure they can at least put on a coat, even if they cannot yet manage the zip. Are they able to pull a sleeve through if it is inside out? Can they hang it from the hood?*

*Can they use a knife and fork? We do know how time can be tight with a young family and sometimes it is easier to do things for your child, but it can be quite frustrating for them if they have to wait for help. (And much more satisfying to be able to do it themselves!)*

*Thank you to everyone who has signed the relevant forms for our trip on 12th December, please make sure you sign the permission slip and pay the fee ASAP. If you would like to join us, please let us know, we still have a couple of spaces.*

*Ms Jackie and I are always happy to help, so do please come to us if you have any questions or concerns.*