



# Autumn Two in Reception

## Gentle Reminders:

This half term we will be starting PE. Reception will have PE every Tuesday. Please can children come into school wearing their PE kits on Tuesdays.

Please read with your child and sign their reading diary everyday. If you have any further questions, please contact your class teacher.

## English

We will start our topic in English by reading the story Little Glow.

This will allow the children to be introduced to lots of different festivals as well as exploring rhyming words. We will identify words that rhyme and come up with our own silly rhyming sentences. We will then move on to reading the story Kippers Birthday. The children will sequence and retell the story, as well as writing their own invitations. Finally, we will read the story The Jolly Postman's Christmas. We will write our own letters to Father Christmas and go on a walk to the post box to post them!



We are reading...



## Phonics

In phonics we will resume our phase 2 sounds, exploring those that are remaining. We will revisit and consolidate all of these sounds before moving onto phase 3. Halfway through Autumn 2 we will start our phase 3 phonics, exploring sounds such as ai and oa. We will continue to practise tricky words, sound talking and blending of sounds to read words and segmenting to help us to spell. This term we will be reading 3 times a week in guided reading at school and will continue to bring home reading books. These will help us to build a love of reading and enable us to practise our phonics at home.

## Maths

As mathematicians this half term we will be focusing on numbers to 5. We will be able to subitise amounts to 5, find 1 more/ 1 less, and represent numbers to 5 in different ways. We will also be looking at the composition of amounts to 5 and begin to problem solve. We will then move on to learning about 2D shapes. We will start by learning about circles and triangles before moving on to exploring shapes with 4 sides.



## PSHE

In PSHE we are learning to celebrate our differences. The children will explore the things that they are good at as well as what makes them special.

This topic will allow children to talk about their own lives including their homes and families, thinking about some similarities and differences with their peers.

We will develop our personal, social and emotional skills discussing ways that we can help others, use kind words and also stand up for ourselves.



## UTW

This half term our understanding the world topic is festivals. We will learn about and celebrate lots of different festivals from all over the world such as bonfire night, birthdays, Diwali, Hanukkah and Christmas! We will learn why the festivals are celebrated as well as how they are celebrated. During our topic we will design our own diya lamps and Christmas cards. The children will also learn all about the nativity story and take part in their own nativity performance!

