



## Year R Autumn 2 Newsletter

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support helping the children to have such a wonderful first half term at school. We are all delighted with how well the children have settled into Barley and Chickpea classes. In this newsletter, we have included important dates that you may need and a summary of some of the things that we will be covering in class from now up until the end of term.

### Important Dates

Time to get your diaries out; these are some important dates for the coming half term:

Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Anti-Bullying Week
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need - Children to come to school dressed in something spotty
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	Anti-Bullying meeting for parents at 2.45-3.15pm
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> November	PoW Dress Down Day
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Christmas postbox opens for children's Christmas cards
Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	PoW Christmas Fair 11am-2pm
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Disco 3.30-4.30pm
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas postbox closes for children's Christmas cards
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Year R Christmas carol singing 2-3pm
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of term

### Helping your child at home

The children in Year R will continue to be sent home with a reading book and their keywords. Children are also encouraged to read the books available on Bug Club. These will help with their sounding and blending skills. We recommend that you do encourage the children to read the books for themselves and this is certainly the approach we take at school.

We complete reading activities in the following small steps:

- encourage the child to look through the book
- look through the book again and discuss the pictures
- encourage the child to make up their own version of events as some of the vocabulary they use will be within the text
- ask the child to try and read the words.

Please do try and listen to your child read at home regularly and practise the keywords that they have been given. It is our intention that each child in the class will be heard read at least twice a week. In addition, the children will be involved in a range of reading activities in school, including daily phonics sessions and literacy



sessions, where reading skills are taught and modeled to the class. We also read stories to the children in class daily, modelling good reading skills and strategies. Reading to children helps them to foster a love for reading.

Alongside their reading books, the children in Year R will continue to bring home phonics sound sheets. These are sent home for children to practise their letter sounds (on an optional basis). A couple of minutes spent each week practising these sounds will make a huge difference to the achievements and progress that your child will make in their reading and writing skills.

As the winter months start to loom and the children begin to wear their hats and scarves, please can you make sure all items are labelled clearly with their name. Thank you.

The following page details some of the activities that we will be undertaking this half term. Our topics are 'Whizz, Pop, Bang (Bonfire and Autumn), Space and Happy Birthday Jesus (Christmas).

If you do have any questions about this information, please do not hesitate to pop in and see us.

Thank you for your support and we look forward to the busy build up to Christmas!

Mrs Patrick and Miss Norgate