

# YEAR R NEWSLETTER



Autumn 2 2020

Our Reception Team would like to welcome back all of our families after our half term break. We have a very busy second half of the Autumn Term ahead and the children have all settled back into their school routines beautifully.

This half term we will be continuing to support the children to develop their early reading and writing skills through carefully planned activities including sharing stories, role play opportunities, creative writing and mark making. The children are enjoying their daily phonic activities where they are learning new sounds and reading and writing words. We are also supporting the children to read simple sentences.

They are also enjoying exploring different writing styles including name writing, labels, captions, lists and simple sentences.

In maths we will be continuing to extend the children's learning through lots of exciting counting, number, shape and measuring activities. We are encouraging the children to use their maths and English writing books to begin to record some of their work. We are teaching the children how to write their numbers and letters using the correct formation and ways to support your child to master these very important skills can be found at the start of their Home/School Learning Journals.

The children are very enthusiastic to explore their creative, physical, social and investigative skills in the classrooms and in the outdoor spaces in our school environment. We are also continuing to use the school hall for P.E. activities and the children will continue to change into their kits for this activity. Please make sure that they have a P.E. bag with dark shorts and a t-shirt inside and that all of their belongings are clearly labelled with their names. A green Manor Park P.E t-shirt is preferable and can be

obtained from our supplier:

andyblairsports@yahoo.co.uk



## Our Learning Journey

Our Creative Curriculum Topic for this half term is Mirror, Mirror! We will be supporting the children to explore light sources, night and day, space and reflections in our creative work and scientific investigations. We will also be sharing magical stories including 'Snow White' where the children will be doing lots of creative work. We will be joining in with re-telling the story and writing about the magic mirror. The children will have fun investigating symmetry and reflections. They will continue to have regular opportunities to visit our wonderful forest school where they can extend their outdoor learning experiences. We will also be focussing on the changing seasons and we will learn about different festivals, including, Diwali and Christmas.



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 13th November - Primary School Nasal Flu Programme (details to follow shortly)



Monday 16th November - Diwali Creative Celebration

Monday 14th December - Let's Investigate Day

Tuesday 15th December RE Day

Wednesday 16th December Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch

Thursday 19th December - Last Day of Autumn Term



## Home/School Learning Journals

We are going to be sending home a small homework challenge every fortnight for you to help your child complete. These will be fun and creative and the children really enjoy sharing their work with their friends and teachers in school. Please support your child to have a go at the activities using their own work where possible. Thank you.

## Reading Books and Diaries

It is so exciting that the children now have their first reading books. Please make sure that you share their books with them and sign their personal reading diaries. It is also important that the children have their reading books and diaries in their book bags each day in school. We are planning to hear the children read individually in school twice weekly. We will change their books regularly, when they have mastered the book they are currently reading.

## SEESAW

Remember to keep checking our class blogs. Links can be found on our year group page on the website.

<http://www.manorpark.coventry.sch.uk/Learning-ShowcaseR>

## USEFUL LINKS

Number Jacks and Alphablocks are wonderful programmes that explore fun number and reading skills. They will support some of the learning that your child is exploring in school.

Episodes of both can be found on either BBC iPlayer or You Tube.

