



4th November 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

We will be starting our new topic of 'Festivals/Light and Dark' this half term and we will be finding out about the variety of celebrations and festivals taking place at this time of year. We have already celebrated Halloween and 'Dia de los Muertos' and we will be learning about Guy Fawkes, Diwali and Christmas. We will also be following the children's own interests as they develop and our planning is flexible and adaptable to meet their needs. You will find our planning for this half term on the school website.

P.E. will continue to take place on Monday and Thursday afternoons. Please ensure that your child comes to school wearing their P.E. kit and suitable outdoor footwear such as plimsolls or trainers. A pair of jogging trousers or leggings and a sweatshirt is ideal as we do try to get outside as much as possible at this time of year

Reading and Homework

The Nursery children will choose a library book to bring home to share with you. Please read through the story with them, talk about the story and draw a picture about it in the book which we provide.

The Reception children will be given reading books to share with you at home. When your child is ready, they will also be given a book linked to phonics to encourage them to segment and blend sounds together to read words. Reading books will be changed twice a week. Please bring reading books into school on a Tuesday and a Friday. The individual support you give your child at home in reading is both invaluable and essential. Re-reading of some books should be encouraged to help develop familiarity and confidence. Reception children will be given letter sounds and 'tricky' words to practise at home to reinforce the work taking place in the classroom.

We will continue to post photographs and comments about your child's learning on Tapestry. Please add anything that you do at home as this all contributes to your child's learning journey.

We hope this information is of use to you. If you do have any questions or concerns at any time please contact us at school.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Grayson and Julie