Beatrix Potter (Class R)

Autumn 2 Term Newsletter



Dear Parents/ Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you all had a lovely half term and are ready for an exciting few weeks ahead in Reception.

Our topic for this half term is 'Sparkle and Shine' and we'll be exploring a range of engaging subtopics including celebrations with light, space, winter woodland and Christmas traditions. Some of the key texts we'll be enjoying together include Little Glow, Man on the Moon, The Smeds and the Smoos, One Snowy Night and Stickman.

We kicked off the half term with an exciting visit from the fire brigade, who taught the children all about Bonfire Night safety. The children loved exploring the fire engine, having a go with the hose and learning about the important work firefighters do. Keep an eye on Tapestry for photos of this memorable experience!

This half term is packed with exciting learning and will end with a very special event … the children's first school nativity! We've already started rehearsals behind the scenes and more details will be shared with you closer to the time.

We were so impressed with the children's homework shared on Tapestry last half term. Thank you for your support! The new homework grid will be emailed to you shortly. It includes a mix of regular activities and longer-term projects to support your child's learning in school.

We hope you've been enjoying the reading materials sent home in your child's book bag as your child progresses from wordless books to sound-blending books. Please remember to record three separate reading sessions each week in your child's reading diary. Each time this is completed, their monkey climbs the Reading Tree in our classroom. Once they reach the top, they will receive a certificate to celebrate their achievement! As we continue to build the children's phonics knowledge, regular reading at home becomes even more important. Please note that only reading completed using the school reading books needs to be recorded in the reading diary. We strongly encourage you to share and enjoy other books at home too, as this helps to develop a love of reading, vocabulary and comprehension skills. However, these additional books do not need to be recorded in the diary. Thank you for your continued support with your child's reading journey.

A few reminders:

PE is on Tuesdays, so please ensure PE kits are returned after their half-term wash.

Wellies - thank you to those who've already sent them in. As the weather turns wetter and muddier, having a pair in school is really helpful.

Finally, we want to say how proud we are of the children for the fantastic start they've made to their first year at school. They've settled in beautifully and we're so excited for all the wonderful experiences ahead.

Thank you again for your ongoing support.

Warm wishes,

Mrs Bradley & the EYFS team

Key dates for this half term:

2nd November: Wellbeing Day & Firefighters visit

3rd November: Individual photos

13th November: Children in Need – non-uniform day

16th November: Odd Sock Day (Anti-bulllying week)

17th November: Parent's evening

18th November: Parent's evening

27th November: Non-uniform day to support our Advent Fair (EYFS/KS1: please donate chocolate)

2nd December: Advent Fair (3.45pm – 5.00pm)

8th December: Nativity (pm)

9th December: Nativity (pm)

10th December: FoS Film Night (after school)

17th December: Christmas Dinner & Christmas jumper day

18th December: Last day of term

4th January: First day at school