

Autumn 2 —2023

Dear parents and carers,

The children have got a very busy half term ahead in Foundation as we lead up to Christmas. They will be working hard on their Advent celebration which will take place at the end of November and beginning of December.

The children will continue their learning journey with our topics for this half term. They are 'Place near and far,' 'Homes' and 'Advent' and 'Christmas.'

In RE, the children will be learning about how we can show love to others. They will also be learning about how we can get ready for Christmas.

In PSHE, we will be talking about what makes us special and about our families. We will think about who is in our family and how our family shows love to one another.

The children will be continuing their phonics journey. We will be learning new sounds and blending sounds together to read words. We will also be continuing to learn to read some tricky words.

The children will be learning to form letters correctly, starting in the correct place. They will be using letters they know well to write simple three letter words. In maths, the children will be looking closely at numbers to five. They will be finding the smaller parts that make 3 and 4. The children will also be learning about circles and triangles.

In understanding the world, the children will be learning about where we live and talking about family near and far. We will be looking at how the weather changes in winter. We will also have a visit to the church during the Advent season.

In expressive arts and design, the children will be building houses. They will also develop the skill of printing and be busy practising their songs for the Advent Celebration.

Key dates:

Friday 17th November—Crazy hair and odd sock day

Thursday 23rd November—Panto in school

Wednesday 29th and Thursday 30th November — Foundation Advent celebrations

Wednesday 13th December—Christmas dinner day

Friday 15th December—Last day of term

Please remember to read daily with your child and complete the reading challenge. Daily reading will ensure your child has the best start in life.