



Curriculum Newsletter



**Mrs Thompson-Yates & Mrs Yarranton
RTY**

**Reception
Autumn 2 2021**

**Mrs Westby & Mrs Jones
RWJ**

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We will focus on cooperation, expressing feelings and understanding the feelings of others, resolving conflict and continue to build friendships through stories, circle times, support in play and activities.

Books we will be reading

- ▶ Room on the Broom | Read Aloud StoryTime
- ▶ The Hindu Story of Rama and Sita | Religions of the Wor...
- ▶ The Gruffalo by Julia Donaldson. Children's read-aloud (...)
- ▶ The Gruffalo's Child by Julia Donaldson - Children's stor...
- ▶ Stick Man by Julia Donaldson & Axel Scheffler - Julia Do...
- ▶ The Christmas Pine by Julia Donaldson (animation)
- ▶ The Christian Story of the First Christmas | Religions of ...

Mathematics

We will explore representing, comparing and making numbers [one, two and three](#). We will also explore numbers 4 and 5, circles, squares and triangles, finding one more or one less and the differences between day and night. Find our [Key Instant Recall Facts here](#).

Physical Development

We will practise our balancing and climbing skills through use of the trim trail. We will learn simple games skills with our P.E. coach.
We will develop our small motor skills to help us use tools to write and create. We will practise using [scissors](#) and take part in 'Squiggle' (a writing development program) - we dance and make marks.

Our Topic:

Fireworks, Festivals and Food

Click on the links for stories, activities, videos and games to lock in your learning at home. Find ideas for Home Learning on the next page.

Communication and Language

We will be building our vocabulary and understanding of words through 'STAR' words linked to our weekly story.
We will be reading stories daily and exploring the characters, settings and events in the stories.

Understanding the World

We will explore the religious festivals of Diwali and Christmas. Linked to Diwali we will explore life in India and the similarities and differences with life where we live. We will learn about weather and season changes in Autumn.

Expressive Arts and Design

We will create diva lamps through molding clay. We will explore different ways of creating artwork through collage, painting, drawing and junk modelling. We will create dances and listen to bhangra and Christmas music.

Literacy

We will be learning the letters of the alphabet and their corresponding sounds. We will be learning to blend letter sounds together to read simple words such as hat, log, man. We will learn 'tricky words' which cannot be sounded out, they must be sight read.



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Home Learning

Food Glorious Food!

Festivals often involve food - which food do you eat when you celebrate?

- Create an information poster by drawing or painting foods or by cutting out food from magazines.
- Follow a recipe and take photos.
- Or create a 'show and tell' video about the food you eat to celebrate. You might like to tell us which is your favourite and why.

Fun Phonics!

Please use the CVC words and 'tricky' words games we sent home in October. For even more games to play at home:

[Tricky Words Games](#)

[Initial Sounds Games](#)

[Read and Blend Game](#) - begin with set 1&2. As your child learns more sounds, include further sets.

Celebrations

If you celebrate any of the festivals we are learning about please share this through Tapestry with photos and videos.

Halloween

Bonfire Night

Diwali

Remembrance Day

Christmas

Please share your home learning and as well as new experiences on **Tapestry** so your child can share this at school with their teachers and friends.

Stick Man - Family

We are creating our own class 'family tree' from the story Stick Man. This will include pictures of families.

Please send in a photo of your family (this can include pets!) that you are happy to have on display in class. You can send it through Tapestry or bring in a photograph.

Magic Maths!

We follow White Rose maths scheme which offers home learning. [White Rose Home Learning](#) To lock in your learning at home click the link above and follow the home learning for 'It's Me! 1, 2, 3!' and 'Light and Dark' Weeks 1 to 3.

Favourite Character

Create artwork of your favourite character from Julia Donaldson stories we are reading at school. You could paint, collage, chalk, draw or cut and stick to create your picture.

Reminders

Key Dates

Tuesday 9th November - rescheduled parents evening

Friday 19th November - Children in Need Day

Friday 17th December - Last day of term

P.E. and Forest Sessions

P.E. day for RTY & RWJ - Wednesdays

Forest Session RTY - Mondays

Forest Session RWJ - Thursdays

Reading Books

Reading daily for 10 minutes supports your child's development.

Bring your reading wallet to school every day.