FSU – Autumn 2 (Year A) Newsletter

Topic: **Let’s Celebrate!**

**Key Information**

**FSU staffing**

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| **Monday** | **Tuesday** | **Wednesday** | **Thursday** | **Friday** |
| Mrs ClarkeMrs Ling | Mrs ClarkeMrs Ling | Mrs ClarkeMrs Ling | Mrs ClarkeMrs Ling | Mrs WellsMrs Ling |
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**Homework** –All Reception children should complete a piece of homework from the homework grid each week and upload it weekly onto the *Tapestry App*.

 **Reception Reading Books** are usually changed on a Monday and Wednesday.Records are checked on a Monday. Children will be bringing home a sound blending book to sound out and read. (Please note: The aim of this scheme is that children see themselves as readers from the beginning, so it is important to ensure they feel confident and not give them texts that are too hard and include sounds we have not taught yet.)

**Nursery sharing books** are changed once a week. These stories should be read TO your child to develop their idea of how books work, their imagination and extend their vocabulary.

**PE** We will be having sessions on Tuesdays this term, that focus on the Physical Development Area of the Early Years Curriculum.

**It is NOT our turn to have Forest School this term.**

**Phonics**

Reception Children will be learning to read and write the remaining Set 1 Sounds using the Read Write Inc. phonics scheme: th z ch qu x ng nk. We will then embed these Set 1 sounds by revising the whole set to build confidence.

For more information on how to pronounce these with your children click this link fora video by RWInc. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UCI2mu7URBc>

Nursery Children will be hearing initial sounds, and then ending sounds through rhyming.

 

**Literacy**

Our stories this term include: Kipper’s Birthday by Mick Inkpen, **Where the Poppies Grow** and **The Christmas Truce** by Hilary Robinson and Martin Impey. **The First Day of Winter** by Denise Fleming **The Snowy Day** by Jack Ezra Keats. We will also be using the **CBeebies series “My first Festivals”** to introduce and explore Remembrance, Diwali and Hanukkah, as well as information books.

**Maths**

Reception Children will be developing an understanding of the value and composition of the numbers 1,2,3,4 and 5. Practise geometry & spatial thinking, especially focusing on the properties and triangles and circles. They will also revise words that describe the position of things e.g. under, below, above, next to, behind etc. They will end the term looking at the differences between day and night.

Nursery Children will be practising their counting skills, learn about the names and properties of 2D and 3D shapes. They will end the term talking about the past and future.

 

 

**Understanding the World**

As part of our topic we will talk about the months of the year, and how people celebrate birthdays now and in the past. We will visit St Mary’s to look at the font and learn what happens at a Christian Baptism as part of our theme about how people celebrate births in different ways. We will also visit the churchyard to see the memorial of soldiers from the village, as part of learning about why we have remembrance day every year . Following our visits to the church we will compare it with a virtual tour of a Jewish synagogue. Later on we will be looking out for the arrival of Winter.

 

**RE**  

Our topic this term is very much linked to lots of diverse celebrations and festivals including: Diwali, Hanukkah, birthdays, naming ceremonies, and of course Christmas. We will also be marking Remembrance in an age appropriate way.

(It would be good if your child could learn when their birthday is particularly the month.)

**Expressive Arts and Design**

This half term amongst other art and craft we will be making divas and Rangoli patterns. In Music we will be building our repertoire of songs and practising and then performing our Nativity as part of our school Christmas Services.( Monday 18th December 2pm and Tuesday 19th December 6pm.)

**PSHE**

In PSHE this half term, children will be introduced to the school value of **Respect.**

 