

Autumn Term 2

FSU Curriculum Newsletter

Dear Parents/carers,

We have had a very successful first week back at school, despite the weather interruption, and are very excited about the term ahead. We are looking forward to building on the progress made last half term as we approach one of the busiest and most exciting times of the year.

In our Topic work this half we are continuing to notice the seasonal changes in the world around us and we will be learning about the many festivals which are enjoyed at this time of year. Our elections for the School Council will combine with UK Parliament Week and we will read the story of Guy Fawkes as Fireworks night celebrations approach. We will also find out about how people of Hindu Faith celebrate Diwali with Fireworks. We will observe Remembrance Day with poppy making crafts, and we will hear about war through the story of Stubby the War Dog.

We will then immerse ourselves in The Story of Christmas and begin preparations for our Nativity Performance and all the magic that Christmas celebrations bring.

Our School Value this half term is Compassion.

Phonics & Literacy

Our Reception Class have made an extremely positive start and we thank you for the support they are receiving with this at home and for the communication we receive through the children's Reading Record Books. The children will continue their exciting journey in learning to read and write this half term - we will soon complete the Set 1 sounds and will soon begin sentence work.

In the Nursery we will be continuing to build upon developing skills in listening, rhythm and rhyme.

Maths

This half term we will be continuing to deepen our understanding of numbers to 5, including the composition of numbers, and we will be learning about 2d shapes. Our Christmas preparations will provide fantastic mathematical learning opportunities for all the children - from the countdown of Advent to our Christmas Post Office role play we will be fully immersed in shapes and numbers and there will be strong links with our arts and crafts activities.

Forest School and PE (Reception Children only)

Forest school will continue to take place on Friday afternoons. We have now swapped groups so you will have been informed by e-mail that it is now your child's turn. Children should arrive at school wearing their school uniform and bring their old clothes to change into at school.

Our next visit to Farm School will be in the Spring.

PE will now take place on Thursday mornings in the school hall. Children should arrive at school wearing their PE kit and bring their school uniform to change into. It is likely that children may get changed after lunch and will still be wearing their PE kit during lunchtime play, therefore it is helpful for them to wear joggers or leggings which will keep them warm while in the playground.

If you have any queries about your child's school life or would like to discuss any aspect of your child's wellbeing with us, please let me know.

Kind regards

Mrs North and the FSU Team.