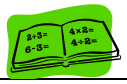
Reception Newsletter – Autumn 2- 2026

Dear Parents,
Welcome back! We hope that you have had a good rest over the holiday.
We have so many exciting things planned for your child for this half term!
Mrs Arshad & Mrs Hussain

Literacy 	In phonics, we are continuing to learn new sounds. We will use these new sounds to build on reading words and sentences. We will also be learning to read more high frequency words. High frequency words are useful to know and recognise straight away. In English, we will be focusing on Narrative. We want to continue to apply our knowledge of forming letters correctly when writing. We will be using every opportunity we can to practice our writing. Our author focus, for the Autumn Term, is Jon Burningham. This term, we will get to know more about him and begin to read some of his award-winning books such as Mr Gumpy's Outing, The Shopping Basket and Would you rather. Our Shared Reading text this term will be " Oliver's Vegetables" by Vivian French.
Maths 	During this half term, children will be exploring numbers 1-5. The children will also learn how to correctly form numbers. They will also learn to talk about shapes with 4 sides.
Understanding the World-Science 	During this half term, our Topic will be "Let's go outside". In this block, children will explore the natural world around them. The children will investigate a range of natural materials and notice changes outside at this time of year.
RE 	In RE, children will be focusing on Unit 2: Why do Christians perform nativity plays at Christmas? The children will also be learning songs about the nativity and taking part in the nativity performance before Christmas.
Understanding the World-Geography 	During the Autumn term, children will be focusing on Geography. Our Topic will be, 'Routes and Maps'. In this unit, children will be exploring maps through discussion, storytelling, games and creative activities.
Expressive Arts and Design 	During the term, children will be focusing on design and technology. Our Topic will be, 'Structures: Junk modelling.' In this unit, pupils explore and learn about various types of permanent and temporary joins. They are encouraged to tinker using a combination of materials and joining techniques in the junk modelling area.
PE 	During this half term, children will be developing their Dance skills. In this unit, children will create their own set of dinosaur movements. They will turn these movements into short motifs which will be linked together to create a class dance, performed to a piece of music. Please remember that children are to come into school dressed in their PE kits every Thursday. The PE kit should consist of a **plain navy blue or black tracksuit** and a **plain white or blue t-shirt**.
Music 	During this half term, our Topic will be, 'Celebration Music'. In this unit, children will be learning about the music from a range of cultural and religious celebrations, including Diwali, Hanukkah, Kwankzaa and Christmas.
Personal, Social and Emotional Development (PSED) 	In PSED, children will be reading stories and undertaking focused activities to learn about building relationships, self: regulation, and managing- self. The children will take part in a variety of discussions and activities to learn.



Attendance

In order for your child to get the best out of school and maximise their learning, please make sure your child is ***on time for school and comes to school every day.*** School starts at ***8.40am***.

THANK YOU