



Reception Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers, we would like to thank you for your help in making your child's first half term at Woodside Primary Academy a massive success. The children have been settling in well and we all thoroughly enjoyed the 'Superheroes topic. We look forward to exploring this topic of 'festivals and celebrations' to continue to help your children grow and develop.

Topic

Our topic for this half term is 'festivals'. We will be learning about different festivals from different religions such as Hanukkah, Diwali, Eid and Christmas.



Literacy

In Literacy we will be reading several stories each day with a focus on the celebrations that we will be talking about in class. We will also be looking at the differences between fiction and non-fiction books, as well as using non-fiction books to find out facts about space. We are also beginning to write and read simple sentences consistently in class.

Understanding of the World

Understanding the world encompasses history, science, RE and geography in the Early Years Curriculum. Within our topic of 'festivals' understanding of the world is very important, so the children will be learning not just about their own cultures, but also discovering how and what other people celebrate.

Mathematics

This half term we will be looking at repeating patterns, ordering numbers, number problems and so much more. We will also continue to solidify number formation and number confidence with numbers 0-20.

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

We feel that the children have settled in well during their first term. This half term we will continue to help the children in developing confidence in themselves and their abilities. We will continue to look at the '7 Habits of Happy Kids' with the children, encouraging them to be independent, resilient learners. We will also be performing puppet shows to explore different social scenarios and talk about how we might act in these situations

Expressive Arts & Design

Following the theme of festivals, the children will have an abundance of opportunities to make their own diva lamps, mehndi patterns, Rangoli patterns, Christmas and Eid cards.





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Times for the School Day

Please ensure your child is lined up by **8.35am**.

School finishes at **3.15pm** and we ask that children are collected promptly. After a day of learning, it is quite upsetting for a child to be collected late. If you are going to be late due to unforeseen circumstances please contact the school office and they will pass a message on to the class teacher and your child.

Clothing

Please ensure all clothing is clearly labelled with your child's name and class and make sure that your child is wearing appropriate shoes (rubber soles). It would also be really helpful if you could please practice taking off and putting back on shoes with your child.

Community News

Our P.E day is Monday. Please ensure the children are dressed in their PE clothes when they arrive to school. As it is winter and PE will be taking place outside, please ensure the children have weather appropriate clothing.

Homework

Over the course of the Reception year class teachers will be sending homework tailored specifically to your child's needs and academic targets. This may include handwriting practise or number formation. We will also be sending home a reading book which will be assessed at regular intervals at school. The reading book needs to be returned to school each day. When we read with your child we will be assessing how well they can decode the words, which words they can recognise by sight (which they achieve by being exposed to words repeatedly) and how well they can answer basic comprehension questions about what they have read.

If you have any questions or would like any further information please speak to your child's class teacher or EYP who will be happy to help.

Thank you for your support,

The Reception Team.

