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Dear Parents/Carers

EYFS Autumn Term Curriculum Letter

Welcome to the new school year. Please could we remind you to check your child's bag daily for letters or notes from school. Also, please ensure that your mobile and email details are up to date with the school office as the majority of information is sent via these methods. It is extremely important that you carefully read all correspondence and make note of any important dates that are upcoming.

Our topics this term:



Both St. Lucy and St. Francis classes will be following the same topics this term; 'It's good to be Me!' and 'Let's Celebrate'. During our 'It's good to be me!' topic children will be focusing on getting to know each other, settling in and learning about themselves, families and where we live. Within our 'Let's Celebrate' topic, we shall explore and investigate what and how we celebrate and look at special objects from home or in the community that are used in different celebrations. We will learn about Birthdays, Bonfire Night and other festivals as well as the importance of Remembrance Day. Completing our topic with Christmas when we will learn about the festive Advent period and the story of Jesus' birth. Children will also participate in Christmas craft activities. As is always the case in Early Years, planning can change depending on the children's individual interests.



Activities to do at home:

- Always read story books and spend time talking about what has happened in the story.
- Find out an interesting fact about each member of your family, i.e. what their favourite food/movie is, their favourite hobby when they were little....
- Draw a family portrait or family tree.
- Think about something you want to get better at this year and write it down and keep it safe.
- Draw a self portrait using a mirror to look closely
- Can you count how many family members you have? How many live in your house? How many boys? How many girls?
- Go on a walk round where you live. What is there?
- Can you draw your house using shapes?



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- What shapes are there in your house? i.e windows are square
- Think about special festivals and celebrations in your family.
- Which is your favourite festival?
- Can you make a collage of all the special celebration you have done this year as a family.
- Can you cook or make a special recipe that is your favourite from a celebration.
- Maybe make a homemade advent calendar this year to get ready for Christmas – perhaps a story book a day?

Useful links:

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/3-5-years/counting>

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/>

<https://whiterosemaths.com/1-minute-maths> (Reception children)

Lunchtimes: The children work hard during their time at school and a healthy substantial lunch is extremely important in ensuring that they are ready to learn in the afternoons. If you choose to supply your child with a packed lunch, please give your children a healthy lunch box. Please do not overwhelm your child with too much food. We cannot heat anything up for the children but you can put it in a thermo flask. Children are also provided with a piece of fruit for snack time which comes from the local council's '5-a-day scheme', a free service. The children are also given the option of milk during the day.

Water: Water is readily available for all children. Please send your child into school with a water bottle every day. Please ensure that the bottle is clearly labelled. **Please only provide water.**



Uniform: Reception - A reminder that summer uniform should continue to be worn until the end of this half term, and they should be in trainers with Velcro. Children return from the October break wearing their winter uniform, which is jogging bottoms and the new sweatshirts with trainers for both boys and girls.

Nursery children – please ensure your child can pull their clothes up and down for toileting themselves. Please also make sure their footwear is suitable for climbing and riding bikes.

For health and safety reasons, children may only wear small stud earrings and no other jewellery. The hair beads and bows should be blue or white and No nail polish.

Spare Uniform: **Please ensure that your child has spare uniform in school.** Accidents DO and WILL happen and if your child has spare uniform, we will not need to disturb you to bring spare clothes for them. Spare clothes should consist of a full uniform along with underwear, vest and socks.

Raincoats and Wellies: Please start to send in wellies and raincoats for your child in school (or wear the raincoat that morning). Children in the Early Years play outside in all weathers and we need to ensure that they are prepared for the fun that a rainy-day puddle can bring!

Coats: Please ensure that your child has their coat with them every day. The weather is extremely changeable, and the children need to keep warm.



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PLEASE ENSURE ALL ITEMS OF UNIFORM ARE APPROPRIATELY LABELLED. WE CANNOT HELP YOU TO FIND MISSING ITEMS IF THEY ARE NOT LABELLED CLEARLY.

Parental Involvement:

We will be focusing on different children each week to follow their progress throughout the year. We will inform you when its your child week and give you feedback after their week.

We would also like to celebrate all their achievements outside school. If your child has achieved things in their clubs we would love to know.

Please do not hesitate to see us with any questions that you may have.

Yours sincerely

Mrs J Hodson
EYFS Lead.

