



Nunnery Wood Primary School



Oak and Willow Newsletter
11th November 2019

Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you all had an enjoyable break and are ready for the very busy half term ahead which, of course, ends with the Christmas holidays!

Staffing News:

Just before half term we said good bye to Miss Coleshill as she began her maternity leave and we are excitedly waiting for news of her new arrival, any day now! Last Monday we welcomed Mrs Noreen Zaib to the Early Years team. She will be providing additional support within Willow class initially on Mondays and building up her time with us as this half term progresses.

New Theme – Special Days and Celebrations:



We have begun the half term with a focus on **Bonfire Night**, and are continuing this week with special **Remembrance Day** activities on Monday 11th followed by lots of exciting learning activities linked to **Children in Need** as we build up to the main Children in Need day on Friday. Children can wear non uniform on November 15th and our theme is 'Spots and Stripes!' We will do woodland work as usual.



After this coming week the rest of our learning will be inspired by the many special celebrations and events that take place during this time of the year, including **Diwali** and **Christmas**. A new overview of planned learning activities linked to Diwali will be sent out at the beginning of next week. If you celebrate Diwali as a family we would love to know; please feel free to send in any photos or information for your child to share.

Tapestry Learning Journeys:



Thank you so much to those of you who have returned signed consent and agreements for access to your child's Learning Journey. Miss Cother and Mrs Cooper are working hard to get your child's Learning Journey ready for your log in to be activated but this does take a little time. Please bear with us and we should have everyone who wants access able to log in over the next couple of weeks.

Learning at Home:

Thank you for all the support you are giving your child with reading and learning activities at home; we are really pleased with the progress the children are making, even at such an early point in the year; we are so pleased that so many of you and your children are enjoying their reading books!. Please make sure you continue to share your child's reading books, encouraging your child to have a go at reading the colour banded books, and practice their phonic and tricky word cards together at home as often as possible, every day if you can!



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Maths:



Many of you have asked about the Numicon resources we use in school at our recent parents' evening and we know that some of you have bought the learn at home packs via Amazon. We really cannot recommend this learning resource too highly - if you are able to get some to use at home it really will support your child's development of number concepts. We are amazed at how quickly the children are becoming confident at ordering and comparing numbers, counting, adding and subtracting using Numicon. If you would like to borrow some

then please do ask.

Important Dates:



EVERY FRIDAY is Woodland Work unless we tell you otherwise. Please make sure that your child has warm and waterproof clothes to wear each week and wellies in school at all times, we will go outside in all weathers! **THERE IS WOODLAND WORK THIS WEEK ON CHILDREN IN NEED DAY.**



Children in Need - Friday 15th November

Pay £1 to wear non- uniform and wear Spots and Stripes if you can.



Friends of Nunnery Wood Primary School Christmas Fayre - Friday 7th December 3.30 - 5.30 p.m. in the school hall



Swan Theatre Pantomime Trip - Thursday 6th December

Thank you SO much for being so efficient and paying so promptly for this much loved annual trip. If you have offered to help we will be in touch soon and if you are now available to come with us please do let us know.



Thursday 12th December 2.30 p.m. - Reception Nativity Play 'Happy Birthday Jesus' - more details about costumes and tickets on their way later this term

As ever if you or your child have any questions, worries or concerns about anything, don't wait for a special appointment - please do just come and see one of us - our door is always open and a face to face conversation is often so much better.

Best wishes,
Miss Cother, Mrs Cooper, Mrs Way & Miss Sollis

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