

### Classes 1 and 2 Half Termly Letter – Autumn 2 2021

Dear Parents and carers,

The children have made a fantastic start to school life and we are very proud of how well they settled into school! We hope you have enjoyed seeing pictures of the children's learning on the website so far, please keep an eye on the 'News and Events' section to see what we get up to in class. We are also putting a daily notice up at collection time so you know what we have done that day. We hope this will help spark some conversation on the way home about our learning in class.

#### Learning Theme

This half term, our learning theme is 'Celebrations'! We will be learning about a range of different celebrations, including Diwali, Firework Night, Eid, birthdays and Christmas. We would love to see pictures of your family's past celebrations, please send them via seesaw. To find out more about what we will be learning this half term, please see the curriculum overview letter.

#### Belongings

Thank you for making sure your children have the correct, named belongings. If they don't have them in school already, please send a named **waterproof** with hood, named **welly boots** and **either waterproof trousers or a puddle suit**. We will continue to play outside and visit the forest school area even when it gets wet and cold. We have been advised to keep good levels of **ventilation** in school, so **layers of clothing** will also be useful as the weather becomes cooler.



#### Supporting Learning at Home

Thank you very much for recording your child's reading in their diary. We love seeing what your child has read and enjoyed. You may wish to include other books you are reading in their diary – library books, books from home etc. Please continue to read and record (at least!) five reads in your reading diary each week. Book bags need to be in school **every day** as your child will be able to change their story book. Each week, we will check your child's diary and if they have 5 or more reads, they will receive a special sticker. At this point in the year, you will be doing the reading together: looking at the pictures, spotting letters from your child's name and supporting them to listen to and talk about the book. If you would like more support with reading at home, please speak to your child's teacher.

You may wish to choose a 'Celebrations' themed project from the suggestions sheet (or think of your own idea!). If your child has worked on a home learning project, we ask that you don't send it into school, but share a photo of it via Seesaw, so that it can be shared with the class. Children always love sharing about their home learning projects. We have also provided a log in for Education City and Numbots, which have a variety of games to support your child's learning.

If your child is required to self-isolate due to COVID-19, work will be added on Seesaw for them to complete.

Dates for your diary:

9-11<sup>th</sup> November – Parent Consultations

15<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> November – Anti-bullying Weeks

15<sup>th</sup> November – Odd Socks Day

30<sup>th</sup> November – EYFS Trip to Audley End

10<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas/ Winter Jumper Day

16<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Lunch

17<sup>th</sup> December – End of Autumn Term

Early Years Foundation Stage Christmas Production

We are hoping to do an EYFS Christmas production this half term. Whilst it is possible that, if risk assessments allow, we may be able to have a reduced audience (one adult per child attending), it seems much more likely that this will be pre-recorded and streamed at a particular time on our private YouTube channel. More information about this will follow.

We hope that you and your child have had a very smooth and happy start to life at school. We are always keen to talk with you about your child and their learning so do ask to speak to us at drop-off/pick-up.

Best wishes,

Mrs Griffin, Mr Sapsford, Miss Ellis and Mrs Kabir

