



Welcome back everybody. We hope you have all had a lovely half-term and are looking forward to learning lots of new things.

This half-term in pre-nursery, we will be focusing on colours, completing colour trails and engaging in games and activities linked to matching colours and mixing colours. Keep your eyes and ears open to see what colour we will be asking you to bring objects from home in each week! We will also be talking about keeping safe, particularly in relation to bonfire night. Nearer Christmas, we will be doing lots of Christmas crafts and learning Christmas songs, as well as looking at how the weather is changing and what we should do to keep ourselves warm.

In F1 and F2, our topic this half-term is **TRANSPORT**. We will be looking at various forms of transport, including rail travel, travel by air and travel by water; we will also be looking at travelling by sleigh! To support us in developing the children's understanding, we will use books such as You can't take an elephant on a bus, Oi get off our train and Whatever next. If you have any favourite stories linked to our topic that your child would like to share, please send them in.

In **literacy**, we will be carrying on with our phonics 'sounds'. We are really impressed at how the children's blending skills are developing. We will continue to work on blending and will also be supporting the children in their segmenting and emergent writing. They worked extremely hard last half-term, displaying fantastic progress, and will no doubt continue to excel this half-term.

In **maths**, the children will be doing lots of practical activities to support their understanding of mathematical concepts. Our 'space, shape and measures' activities will support us to explore the characteristics of everyday objects and shapes and use mathematical language to describe them. We will also consider language related to money. Our 'number' activities will focus on recognising numbers, writing numbers and understanding what one more and one less is, together with addition and subtraction.

## Your support

Reception children will continue to bring home weekly maths related homework to develop their understanding. In addition to your support with this, please continue to encourage daily practice of counting and help them to recognise and form numbers, to support their growing confidence in maths.





## Contributions



We have a contributions box in our classrooms, which helps to fund any baking we do with the children, our 'Friday treat' and any extras we may need for craft activities. We are always grateful for any contributions.

We are always on the lookout for cardboard boxes and other recyclable materials including buttons, ribbons, paper and card. If you have any that you do not need at any time throughout the year, please bring them in.

## Family Unit email

If you have not yet received our weekly email from our Family Unit email address ([familyunit@micklefieldceprimary.co.uk](mailto:familyunit@micklefieldceprimary.co.uk)), please speak to us, so we can ensure we have your correct email address.

## Reminders

- Please send your child in a warm, waterproof coat every day, together with a hat and gloves. Having these in school means they can always engage with the outdoor provision.
- Please send your child with a labelled set of spare clothes, which can stay on their peg should it be required.
- If your child is in Reception, please ensure they have their PE kit in school all week.
- Please help your child to learn to dress themselves, and put on their coat, so that they are supported in their growing independence at school.
- Please do not allow your child to bring their own toys to school. Things can be broken or go missing very easily, so to prevent any upset it is best that any personal belongings are left at home.

## Dates for your diary

- 1/2 November** Parents' evenings
- 7 November** 9.00am-10.30am Phonics workshop for parents
- 8 November** School photographs
- 10 November** 10.30am Remembrance service at St. Mary's Church (Family Unit will not be attending)
- 17 November** Children in Need Day Spotacular
- 23 November** Flu jabs for F2s
- 24 November** Friends of Micklefield Christmas fair
- 30 November** Advent Service at St. Mary's Church
- 7 December** Musical Celebration (Family Unit will not be attending)
- 11 December** 1:30pm Family Unit Christmas Performance
- 12 December** 9:30am Family Unit Christmas Performance
- 14 December** Christingle Carol Service at St Mary's (Family Unit will not be attending)
- 15 December** Child of Achievement
- 15 December** Christmas jumper day
- 15 December** Last day of term
- 2 January** Training day – no school
- 3 January** School re-opens
- 4 January** Epiphany service at St. Mary's Church (Family Unit will not be attending)