











This half term our learning journey is **Lights, Camera, Action**. Here is an overview of our learning.

<p>Dates</p>	<p>Character Strengths</p>	<p>We will start the term by developing an appreciation of nature and then learning about Traditional Tales and the Christmas Story later in the term.</p>
<p>29/10/18</p> 	<p>Love of learning</p>	<p>Lost Words week</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We will be 'Word Warriors' in the school grounds discussing words to do with nature We will continue with our phonics, focusing on the following letters and their sounds g,o,c,k We will be exploring rhymes We will be learning to recognize numerals 1-10 We will find out about Bonfire Night We will learn how to peer massage We will learn how to sign numbers 1-10 in British Sign Language.
<p>5/11/18</p> 	<p>Love</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We will be reading The Gingerbread Man. Phonics letters and sounds this week ck, u, e, r We will have a go at writing words e.g. pot, cat, hen, We will begin to use mathematical names for solid 3D shapes and flat 2D shapes, and mathematical terms to describe these shapes. We will make a mini beast hotel for the living things in our environment We will take 'selfie pictures' using ipads We will sing number rhymes We will talk about all of the things we are good at. We will dance to music, recreating firework actions and sounds We will learn how to dance 'Bollywood' style. We will practise sending and receiving balls outside. We will learn how to sign family members e.g. Mum, Dad, Grandma, Grandpa, brother, sister.
<p>12/11/18</p> 	<p>Love</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We will be reading Goldilocks and the Three Bears Phonics letters and sounds this week f, ff, l, ll, ss, h, b We will sort a range of items by their initial sound We will count objects to 10 and beyond, we will estimate amounts and check the answer We will make a clapper board with movie star photos of ourselves We will tap out rhythms We will notice changes when we add milk to our cereals We will think about how our feelings show on our faces We will continue to dance 'Bollywood' style. We will practise sending and receiving balls outside We will learn how to sign some farm animals
<p>19/11/18</p> 	<p>Friendship</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We will be reading The Christmas Story Phonics letters and sounds this week j, v, w, x We will go on a word hunt and write a list of words we find in the environmental area We will continue our work on 3D and 2D shapes We will learn a range of songs for our Christmas performance We will visit the Life Education bus at school and learn about how to keep safe, healthy and develop friendships Through the story 'Through the Blue Planet', we will practice movement, jumping and balancing. We will practise sending and receiving balls outside. We will learn how to sign simple sentences with the vocab we have learnt so far.





 <p>26/11/18</p>	<p>Friendship</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phonics letters and sounds this week y, z, zz, qu • We will order 2 or 3 objects by height • We will label toy pictures we have cut out of catalogues • We will continue to practise songs for our Christmas show • We will make props for our Christmas show • We will take photos of each other as we prepare for our performances • We will think about the importance of sleep and developing a good bedtime routine • Through the story 'Through the Blue Planet', we will practise movement, jumping and balancing. • We will learn how to sign the words for simple objects in school, e.g. paper, pencil, scissors etc
<p>3/12/18</p> 	<p>British values - Liberty</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We will be inviting parents in to make a Christmas decoration • Phonics letters and sounds this week ch, sh, th, ng • We will be reading words and deciding if they are real or made up eg pot / pob • We will order 2 or 3 parcels by weight • We will listen to the story of Rama and Sita and find out how Hindu's celebrate Diwali • We will continue to practise songs for our Christmas show • We will discuss what makes a healthy snack • Through the story 'Monkey Business', we will practise using our bodies to make shapes and work with a partner to mirror ourselves. We will practise sending and receiving balls with a racquet. • We will learn how to offer help in sign language.
<p>10/12/18</p> 	<p>Self-control</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We will be performing our Christmas show to our families and the rest of the school • We will continue with our phonics, revising the letters and sounds we have learnt so far. • We will decorate a picture of a stocking with handwriting patterns • We will recognize the numerals 1-5 and then 1-10. • We will make a birthday card for baby Jesus • We will make a Christmas treat to eat • We will share our ideas on what to pack when we go for a sleepover with a relative • Through the story, 'Monkey Business', we will practise using our bodies to make shapes and work with a partner to mirror ourselves. We will practise sending and receiving balls with a racquet. • We will learn how to sign a range of feelings e.g. happy, sad, worried, cross etc.
<p>17/12/18</p> 	<p>Love of beauty</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We will continue with our phonics, revising the letters and sounds we have learnt so far • We will continue to revise the numbers and 2D and 3D shapes we have learnt so far • We will enjoy a Christmas lunch • We will experiment with colour mixing with paint and create paintings • We will be talking about keeping ourselves safe and healthy by looking at the difference between sweets and medicines • We will be inspired by nursery rhymes and Christmas songs and make up moves as we act them out. • We will learn how to sign festive words.



Reading: Please read every day with your child for a short amount of time and make sure their book bag comes into school every day so we can send home letters or messages easily. You will change books with your child on **Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays**. Your child will also have an opportunity to choose a book from our Reception Library to take home on a **Friday** to share.

Home School Learning: The children will be given home school learning on a **Thursday** each week. Their books need to be back in school the following **Monday** for new activities.

Reminders

<p>Lunch</p> 	<p>In Reception children are entitled to a free school lunch every day. Please see the school website for the menu. You can send a packed lunch if you prefer (please see the packed lunch policy on the school website). Children are welcome to bring fresh fruit and water for a snack at break time. In Reception each child will be offered a cup of milk each morning free if they would like it.</p>
<p>Uniform</p> 	<p>Please ensure that all items are labelled with your child's name. School shoes should be plain black, Long hair should be tied back, using small white, black or blue bands.</p>
<p>PE kit</p> 	<p>T shirt, shorts, tracksuit bottoms and trainers needed. (velcro please)</p>
<p>Drinks</p> 	<p>We recommend that your child brings a named bottle of water to school every day.</p>
<p>Each morning, a member of staff will greet your child at the door. Please pass on any messages to them, or write us a note. We will supervise the collection of your children each afternoon. If you need to arrange for another person to collect your child, please let us know in advance or telephone the school on 01395 275968.</p>	

Dates for your diary:

Monday 29th October - Non-pupil day

Wednesday 21st November - 2.55 - 3.15 - Parents are invited to visit the Life Education Bus to explore ways to support your child's safety, resilience and friendships.

Mon 3rd December - Happy Hour -9.15 -10.15 - Join your child in class to make a decoration.

Tues 11th Dec and Wed 12th Dec - 9.30 - Reception Christmas Songs in the school Hall

Tues 18th December - Christmas Lunch

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Wells , Ms Hannah, Mrs Farr and the Reception Team

