



# Curriculum Letter

## Reception

Half Term	Autumn 2
Teachers	Mr Young and Miss Rickerby

**Middleton St Mary's CE (VC) Primary School**



Dear Parents and Carers,

This curriculum letter lets you know what your child will be learning this half term.

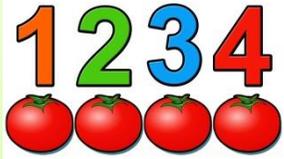
If you have any questions about what your child is learning or you would like to look at their work, you are very welcome to come in to school and speak to your child's class teacher.

Theme Title	What happens when I fall asleep?
Maths	<p>This half term we will be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continuing to work with numbers from 1 to 5</li> <li>Recognising, ordering, adding and partitioning numbers up to 5</li> <li>Finding one more or one less using objects up to 5.</li> </ul>
English	<p>This half term we will be looking at a range of Fiction and Non-Fiction books around the topic of "What happens when I fall asleep?" Some of our key texts this half term will be: 'The Way Back Home', 'Owl Babies' and 'Night Monkey, Day Monkey'.</p> <p>We will continue to learn to read and write predominantly through our daily phonics which we do in small groups. We also write regularly in our writing books and help to write stories through 'story scribing'.</p>
Topic Work	<p>This half term's theme is 'What happens when I fall asleep?' in which we'll learn all about day and night, bedtime routines, nocturnal animals and the moon and stars. This will involve stories, creative opportunities, maths, songs and music.</p>
Understanding the World	<p>This half term we will be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Talking about our family customs and routines.</li> <li>Learning about Bonfire Night, Diwali, Remembrance Sunday, Advent and Christmas.</li> </ul>
Religious Education	<p>We will be learning about the significance of Christmas and the Christmas story. We will be trying to answer questions like: why do we give presents? What happened at the first Christmas? What meanings do Christmas cards convey?</p>
<p>Please ensure your child is appropriately dressed as we often spend time learning outside – whatever the weather!</p> <p>We have aprons and overalls for children to wear however the nature of Reception means that children will sometimes get paint, glue or mud on their clothing. We know this can be frustrating for parents as it requires extra washing however these experiences at this early stage of their lives are an important part of their development. <b>Please put a spare set of clothes on your child's peg so that they can get changed if necessary.</b></p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Please turn over to see how you can help your child at home this half term...</b></p>	

How you can help your child at home this half term...

# Maths

## Counting objects



Encourage your child to count objects. Ensure they say how many there are in total at the end. E.g. "1,2,3,4... There are 4 tomatoes."

## Counting actions



Count actions: each step on the stairs, count claps, count jumps, play 'what's the time Mr Wolf?' and count each stride.

## Recognising numbers



Firstly, help them recognise numbers 1-5 and then up to 10. Can they find the right number of items to match that number?

# English

## Letters



Help your child spot sounds that they recognise. Can they recognise all the sounds in their name? Remember to use sounds "sssss", "mmmm", "t" etc

## Writing



Can they write their name independently? Are they starting each letter in the correct place? Do they have the correct pencil grip? If unsure, please ask one of the adults in Reception.

## Reading



Please read with your child as frequently as possible and record this in their Reading Diary. Thank you.