



Reception Newsletter



Autumn 2—2023/2024

Notices and reminders

We wear **winter uniform** after half term:

- White polo shirt with academy logo
- Bottle green sweatshirt or cardigan with academy logo
- Grey school trousers, skirt, shorts or pinafore
- Grey, white or black socks / grey, black or bottle green tights
- Black, flat, sensible shoes

For further information, please visit:

<https://www.sandringham.kite.academy/parents/uniform/>

Communication and Language

In communication and language we will be focusing on joining in with story times. We will also be learning about questions and starting to ask and answer how and why questions.

We will also be building confidence and encouraging children to speak in front of the class to talk about their interests.



Physical Development

In P.E. we will develop our gymnastic skills through the topic of 'animals and their habitats'. We will use our knowledge of spatial awareness to create shapes, balances and jumps. We will be learning how to perform these skills safely on the floor and on apparatus.

In our fine motor sessions we will develop our cutting skills, safely using scissors to cut straight and zig zag lines. We will continue to focus on prewriting patterns and the correct formation of letters these are linked to. We practise cutting with a knife when eating our lunch.

Key dates

Monday 30th October 2023—individual photographs (Ladybirds, Reception, year 1 and year 2)

Wednesday 1st November 2023—individual photographs (Butterflies)

Wednesday 8th November 2023—year 1 trip to Frimley Baptist Church

Tuesday 14th November 2023—flu immunisations (unless opted out)

Friday 17th November—Children in Need (wear something spotty)

Friday 17th November 2023—school disco

Thursday 7th December 2023—Little Red Riding Hood pantomime

Tuesday 12th December—Christingle services at school

Wednesday 13th December 2023—Reception nativity performance at Frimley Baptist Church (further details to follow shortly)

Thursday 14th December 2023—Reception nativity performance at Frimley Baptist Church (further details to follow shortly)

Friday 15th December 2023—end of term (1:10pm collection)

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

This half term in PSHE the children will continue to develop their independence. This will enable them to try new activities, building their resilience and perseverance when faced with challenges. We shall also focus on developing their ability to work and play cooperatively, beginning to develop the skill of turn taking.



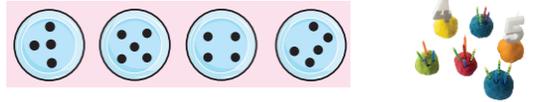
Literacy

This term we start Phase 3 of ELS. We will finish the last of the single sounds and introduce more digraphs (2 letters that make one sound). More Harder to Read and Spell Words (HRSWs) are also introduced. Remember, these are words that the children cannot sound out.

In Talk for Writing we will be focusing on traditional tales and using these to build on our knowledge of story language and to understand a story happens in 3 parts (beginning, middle and end). We will also introduce non-fiction and learn some facts about winter.

Mathematics

The children will learn to identify and name circles, triangles, squares and rectangles in the world around them. We will introduce the words side, curved, straight, corner and flat to describe the properties of these shapes.



We will explore numbers 4 and 5, recognising them in different representations and exploring what smaller numbers they can be composed of. The children will also practise identifying 1 more or less than a number to 5.

Understanding the World

As part of our topic we will explore the idea of 'celebration' as an important concept. We will also look at different celebrations and how celebrations can help us learn more about what different people believe. We will look at 'past and present' and explore how things like toys looked different in the past compared to now. We will also continue our learning about seasons and look at the signs of winter and observe them in our environments.



Expressive Arts and Design



In music the children will be learning and performing a range of songs.



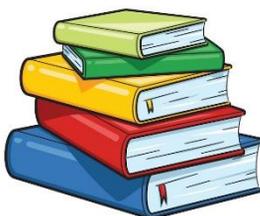
In art the children will be focussing on painting, experimenting with mixing colours and using their knowledge to create Christmas items.



The children will also explore different techniques for joining materials including design and create a diva lamp.

Homework

Thank you for all of your support with helping your child to read at home. Please make sure that they read their decodable book at least four times a week. The decodable book and sharing book need to be brought back into school every Friday.



Suggested books for reading

