Nacton C of E Primary School

Half Termly Newsletter 2024

Reception – Autumn two

Dear families,
Welcome to our second newsletter. We hope you have all managed to have a well-deserved rest and were able to spend some quality time with your loved ones. This next half term has to be one of my favourite terms as a teacher. We will learn about different festivals and celebrations from around the world, visit the church and perform our exciting nativity.
Below you will find an overview of our curriculum this half term and what we will be learning in each subject. If you have any questions, please do come and speak to your class teacher.
The children have their own Tapestry account where we would love to see what exciting things your child gets up to at home. We've already seen some excellent dirt bike riding, visits to London and even some seal watching. We would like to thank you for your continued support and engagement with your child's learning.
Team Nacton

Literacy

Activities in our literacy sessions include:

- Exploring festivals from around the world.
- Remembrance.
- Writing lists

Phonics

In Phonics we will be learning our Phase 2 graphemes: j, v, w, x, y, z, qu, ch, sh, th, ng, nk.

Tricky words: put, pull, full, as, and, has, his, her, go, no, to, into, she, he, of, go, we, me, be

Maths

We are very excited that we are now using the Mastering Number programme to teach the children maths.

Focus areas:
- Counting, ordinality, cardinality.
- Comparison
- Composition

This half term there will be maths homework set on Tapestry.

Communication & Language

We will continue to focus on developing our communication and language through storytelling and role play:

- Small world
- Story puppets
- Role play

As well as developing our questioning skills by asking questions to find out about different festivals and celebrations, whilst discussing how our families celebrate events.

Understanding the World

Expressive Arts and Design

In our art sessions we will be exploring primary and secondary

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Manage their own needs:

In our Understanding the World sessions we will be discussing: • The effects of the changing seasons. • Describing what they can see, feel and hear whilst outside. • Look at how people have different beliefs and celebrate special times in different ways. In our RE sessions will be thinking about why do Christians perform nativity plays at Christmas?	colours. Exploring shades and for a purpose. In our music lessons, we will be exploring different festivals and celebrations from around the world.	- Zipping up their own coats - Using a knife and fork- Cutting up their own food. Seeing themselves as a valuable individual. Showing resilience and perseverance when facing a challenge.
<u>Physical Development</u> Our PE units this half term will be ball skills and dance. Please ensure that your child is wearing their PE kits on a Monday and a Wednesday. Our fine motor skills work is focusing on building the muscles in our hands, to support with future writing. Activities such as: • Threading • Nuts and bolts • Hole punch • Pen disco • Zips and buttons This half term we will still be focusing on our coats independently. By supporting your child to independently fasten up their zips and buttons will ensure independence and will really support their fine motor skills development.		

Important dates:	Home learning expectations:
<u>November:</u> 7th Individual school photos, Full uniform- no PE kits. 15th Children in need 18th No PE normal uniform. 25th November Parent Phonics workshop- 9:15-10:30. 29th November Christmas craft afternoon. <u>December</u> 6th December- Premier PE enrichment day. 10th & 12th Nativity 17th Christmas service 20th Christmas stories	- Daily grapheme cards and high frequency word practice. - Read at home at least 4 times a week and record this in their reading diaries (please ensure books and reading diaries are in their bags daily as we will listen to your child read during the week. Books are also changed on a Friday). - This half term there will be maths homework set on Tapestry. Please ensure that your child engages with their home learning and records their work on Tapestry.