



FORM TEACHER'S TERMLY WELCOME NEWSLETTER

Nursery: Autumn Term 2018

Dear Parents,

We hope that you have enjoyed a lovely half-term break and are ready for the very exciting second half of the autumn term.

Our topic work will commence with 'Autumn'. We will explore this topic with our first outing, to Rothamsted Park, where we will collect natural resources and see the gorgeous autumn colours, (Understanding the World). We will also spend time looking at and trying to recreate the work of Artist Andy Goldsworthy with natural resources. In Expressive Art and Design we will explore fireworks and bonfire night with lots of creative work and songs and rhymes. Towards the end of November we will begin our very exciting 'Christmas ' topic. We will introduce our topic by reading 'The First Christmas' and talking about the meaning of Christmas. We also have lots of lovely creative and cooking activities planned for the children. Further information about activities will be forwarded in our regular emails.

This half-term we will be working on our phonic knowledge with the introduction of our weekly Jolly Phonics session. Each child will be issued with a phonics book with the sound of the week and action supporting the sound. Phonics sessions will usually be held each Tuesday. Please ensure that the phonics books are in your child's book bag on a Monday, so we can update them with the relevant sound and return them to you on Tuesday.

Our twice weekly Music lessons with Mrs Lipman and Mrs Harte will focus around our 'Autumn' and 'Christmas' topic and we will be exploring a range of different musical instruments, rhythms and sounds through various stories and activities.

We will also continue our weekly French lesson with Mrs Bishop each Thursday. We will be concentrating on learning numbers, colours and greetings as well as links to our topic work.

Each week you can find information about our learning and activities in Nursery by taking a look at the weekly Focus Sheets that are placed on the Early Year's notice board. This is situated on the wall between the Nursery and Reception classrooms.

We hope that you have enjoyed receiving your child's Learning Journal via Tapestry. We will continue to forward these to you on a fortnightly basis on a Wednesday. If you have anything that you would like to share with us about your child's learning at home or in after school activities, please send us an observation via Tapestry and we can share their achievements in class and upload them to their Journal.

We look forward to meeting with you at the Parent Consultations on Tuesday 6th November, to discuss how your son or daughter has settled into Nursery and their progress to date.

Many thanks,

Mrs Radgman and Mrs Weir

Please see below for important dates this term:

Parent Consultation Afternoon/Evening	Tuesday 6th November 2018 12:00 – 12:50 p.m. and 5:30 to 5:50 p.m.
Open Morning	Saturday 10th November 2018 10:00 a.m.
Christmas Bazaar	Saturday 24th November
Secret Gift Room	Wednesday 12th December 2018
Term Ends for Nursery	Wednesday 12th December 2018 12:00 (Please note there is no afternoon session)

Please see the St Hilda's Calendar of Events for full school dates.