

Class Reception

The Bliss Charity School



Term 2



Dear parents/carers,

Welcome back for Term 2. We hope you have had a relaxing break and the children are refreshed and ready for a busy but fun term ahead. They all settled in extremely well last term, despite our 'bubble closure', and they enjoyed getting to know each other, working alongside their new classmates to learn our class rules and expectations. They definitely all made me very proud last term and I'm sure they will continue to do so this term.

My initial assessments are now complete and they were shared with you at our parents meetings at the end of Term 1. The children will now be developing their skills, knowledge and understanding based on their needs and we will use *Tapestry* to monitor and record your child's learning. A link to this will sent to you in the next few days.

We will start our new topic 'Seasons and Celebrations' with a focus on Diwali and fireworks. The children will then investigate autumn, followed by winter. We will also look at spring and summer too. The children will also be learning about celebrations that they and others enjoy.

For the latter part of this term we hope to visit our local village church and investigate how we and others celebrate Christmas, as well as creating a range of Christmas decorations for you to keep for many years to come! As part of Class Reception's Christmas celebrations, the children will be performing a Nativity. Due to current restrictions, the performance will be filmed and a copy of the finished video will be made available on our school website for you to watch and enjoy as a family.

Mrs. Caller



Term 2 Topic: *Seasons and Celebrations!*



Our topic this term is 'Seasons and Celebrations.' Through this topic, the children will investigate the four seasons and recreate these in a wide range of art opportunities. We will also be looking at the Understanding of the World area of the curriculum, focusing on families and communities and how and why they celebrate events.

Our new topic will be embedded within our classroom and, where possible and relevant, each area of the Early Years curriculum will have a 'Seasons and Celebrations' theme. We will investigate time, looking at daily routines, counting autumnal items and identifying numerals up to and beyond 10. The children will also continue their love of being outdoors by creating autumnal and wintry art. During November, we will also be focusing on Remembrance Day, Fireworks and Diwali. Later in the term, the children will investigate weather and animals that are nocturnal and that hibernate in winter. This will then lead us into winter and Christmas. The children will learn the Christmas story, recreate this and make a range of crafts to bring home. Please keep a close eye on *Twitter* and *Tapestry* to see what we are all up to! Please feel free to use *Tapestry* to share achievements from home with us, as these help us build a fuller picture of your child's skills and interests.

Helping your child at home ...

- Thank you for supporting our 'Well Done' celebration board. This is a great opportunity for your child to proudly share something they have achieved at home. Please continue with these, we never tire of the children sharing these with us and their peers.
- Please also continue the fantastic start made with sharing books together. We encourage the children to change these books during 'free choice' time daily. Please remind your child to change their books as we actively encourage children to develop the skill of independence and this is a little way to help support this.
- We have taught the children the sounds *m, a, s, d, t, p, l, n, g, o, u* and *f* so far and we will continue with set 1 over this term. We will notify you when we teach the children a new sound so please ask your child about words that may start with the sounds taught or look for them in the books you share together.
- *Kinetic Letters* practice will continue to come home and will still focus on our 'Abracadabra' family letters. We will send home a homework sheet for your child to complete. Please send these back into school within a few days. The children should be able to explain how to write the letter shapes but there are instructions on the sheet to help you.
- In addition to learning new sounds and letter shapes, please regularly share the 'Red Word Turtle' with your child that came home before half term. The children have been taught *l, no, the* and *my* so far.
- Identifying numerals at home and in other environments – such as in the supermarket and on village walks – will also help your child consolidate their learning.

Class Reception information ...

- PE will continue to be on a **Monday**. We will continue to be going outside for this so please ensure your child has suitable clothing and footwear for colder conditions.
- **Thursday** is outdoor classroom day so please send your child in clothing suitable for the outdoors. Long jeans, joggers or leggings are suitable. The children do not need to come to school in uniform on this day.
- Due to the children's ages and development, if you feel the need to supply your child with spare underwear etc. please put this into your child's book bag.
- If your child requires any medication please give this to the office. Any asthma inhalers can be given to me directly.
- Please remember to select and order your child's hot dinners.
- Please keep us informed regarding contact details for your child, including collection arrangements. This can either be done through the office or via the Class Reception staff.
- Any communication that we have for you will be put into your child's book bag. Likewise, if there is anything you have for us, please put it in the book bag as we check these on a daily basis.
- Please feel free to catch me at the beginning or end of the day if you have any questions regarding school and your child or you can email me at s.caller@bliss.northants.sch.uk.

Mrs. Caller