

## **Early Year Unit: Reception Newsletter – Autumn 2**

### **Welcome**

We have had a great start to our year! We learnt so much, and we loved being able to share that with you all. Thank you so much for all your support this past term, especially your engagement with our phonics morning. We look forward to welcoming you into school again this term for lots of festive fun!

Miss Wareing

### **Autumn 2 Focus**

This term's learning will be "Transport". The children will learn about the importance of safety when we use transport, or when we are around transport, e.g. crossing the road. Children will use torches to explore reflective materials and think about why some clothes and bags have reflective strips on them and how that can help to keep us safe.



We will also be learning about transport around the world. The children will think about how people travel in different countries and learn about Japanese bullet trains, Thai tuk-tuks and Venetian gondolas. Children will think about how things are moved around the world on cargo ships.

Also, this term, the children will be learning about different celebrations as bonfire night, Diwali and Christmas.

### **Phonics**

We are continuing with the *Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised* scheme. Your child will continue to come home with a phonics book which will be updated with a practice sheet every time they learn a new sound. Please visit our school website to get up-to-date information about phonics at Hazel Leys.

**Phonics**



<https://www.hazelleysacademy.org/page/?title=Phonics&pid=219>

We will be learning the next set of phonics sounds along with recapping the one we have looked at so far to support us with our segmenting and blending. We hope that you learnt a lot about phonics last term but please speak to staff if you have any questions.

### **Literacy - Writing**

During this term we will be encouraging children to listen for initial, middle and end sounds in words in preparation for sentence writing.



We will also continue to develop name writing through the use of sensory trays and outdoor making opportunities.

Our written work will be linked to the wide range of books that we share as a class, such as 'The Hundred Decker Bus', 'Big Book of Transport' and 'The Christmas Story'.

### **Literacy - Reading**

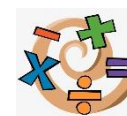
Your child will continue to take part in 3 reading lessons a week where they will learn how to decode word, read with prosody, and develop their comprehension. Please read the book repeatedly to help your child develop their confidence and fluency. Don't forget to write in their reading records to let us know when they have been reading at home.



Your child will still choose a 'Reading for Pleasure' book to take home at the end of each week. This is a book to be shared with the adults at home. There is no expectation that they can read this book independently.

### **Maths**

This term we are continuing to look at how numbers are represented. We will also be including counting strategies to every lesson along with looking at shape, space, measure, addition and subtraction.



The children will use lots of hands-on resources to support with their maths work and our continuous provision will be set up so that children can practice Mathematic skills they have already learnt in order to deepen their understanding.

### **Communication and Language**

To support your child with their language this term, we are going to be practicing poems/nursery rhymes each week. These are carefully chosen to link to our theme of Transport this term.



We will also be using our Christmas play as a way to improve our communication and language skills.

### **Personal, Social and Emotional Development**

This term, we will be exploring our emotions in more detail by using 'The Colour Monster' stories. We will look at how different emotions are expressed, how colour can be used to show emotion and how we can express our emotions safely.



### **Physical Development**

To continue to strengthen our gross and fine motor skills we have dough disco, Squiggle while you Wiggle and Get Squiggling sessions to strengthen body control, hand grip and pencil control.



Our PE lessons continue to be on Friday. Children are to **attend school in their PE kit**.

Children need to have an Academy PE t-shirt, shorts or jogging bottoms/leggings depending on the weather and an Academy Jumper. All children must be wearing trainers. Please also ensure they **do not wear any jewellery and that long hair is tied back**.

### **Understanding the World**

This term we will be exploring different celebrations from around the world. We will start by learning about bonfire night and fire safety. Then we will explore the colourful celebration of Diwali, looking at the food is eaten, why it is celebrate and how it is celebrated. We will finish off this term by learning the Christmas story which will support with our Christmas play performance.



### **Expressive Arts and Design**

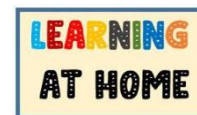
We will be making lots of colourful artwork this term, from Rangoli pattern, Firework pictures, Remembrance Day poppies, and lots of Christmas art! We will also be able to decorate the classroom at the start of December to enjoy the festive season. They will also have plenty of opportunities to make different vehicles, using a wide range of materials and exploring different ways to join these together.



This term we will have a range of role play opportunities for the children to explore such as; a bonfire, a Christmas shop, a wrapping station and a tree decorating area.

### **Helping your child learn at home**

- Daily reading using your child's school reading book and 'Reading for Pleasure' book.
- Phonics practice using your child's phonics book.
- Encourage your child to dress and zip up their coat independently.





### Skills Builder

The Skills Builder Universal Framework provides a common language for building essential skills with children and young people.

Research shows that building essential skills supports social and emotional wellbeing, learning and academic outcomes and careers and opportunities.



### Rewards

The children will receive 'Dojo Points' as reward for good behaviour, work and attitude. Points can be 'spent' on prizes periodically.



### Class information

**Class Teacher:** Miss Wareing

**Teaching Assistants:** Miss Witton and Mrs Pritchard

- As the weather is getting wetter, please could all children bring in a pair of named wellington boots that can be kept at school. We have all in one suits but please could you also send your child in a coat that you do not mind getting muddy.
- Please remember if you are making your child a packed lunch, we ask you not to put anything in that contains nuts and to make it a healthy selection of food.
- Please could we ask that all children bring in at least two changes of clothes. These can be kept in a bag on their pegs. Staff will inform you if they have had to change your child.



Thank you for your support with these matters.

### Dates for the diary!

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October – School closed** – teacher training day

**Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October – School reopens for children**

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November – PTA Halloween disco**

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November - Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November – Diwali celebrations in school**

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November odd socks day**

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November – children in need**

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December – School closed** – teacher training day

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December HLA Christmas Fair – school hall**

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Jumper Day**

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December – EYFS performance (More details to follow)**

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December – Class Christmas Parties**

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December - School closes for Christmas holiday**

