

Reception News

Welcome back!

We hope you have all had a restful half term and made some lovely memories! Feel free to upload any photos onto Tapestry as the children love to share with each other what they have been up to.

It's now time for term 2. This is our absolute favourite term when working with little people because it's full of so much excitement and magic.

It is a very busy term packed full of events. Please see the diary dates page for more information. We have lots of celebrations such as Diwali and Thanksgiving. If you celebrate any of them with your family at home, we would love you to come in and share them with us. Please let us know.

We started with our Bonfire Night celebrations. The Friends of Wichelstowe Trinity Learning Campus and staff would like to thank you for all your support in making it a huge success.

Thank you,

The Early Years Team

Don't forget to follow us on...



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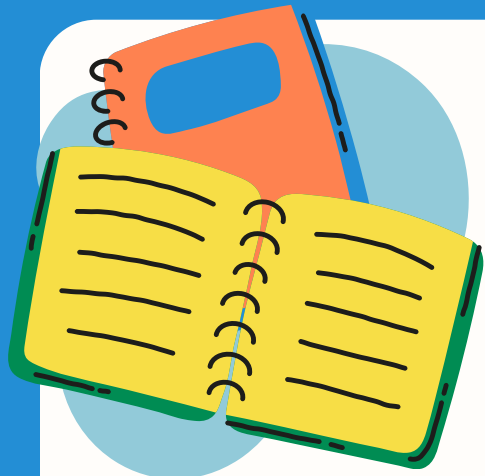
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Important updates

Please remember school begins at 8.45am. This is when children begin their learning. Please be on time. The Year 2 hall door will then be shut and the playground gate locked at 8.55am. This is to safeguard all our children.

The car park consultation is continuing until December. We have pencilled in two meetings with parents and community partners on:

Wednesday 8th November 2023 - 4.30pm
Wednesday 15th November 2023 - 6.30pm

Please book your places here <https://forms.office.com/e/c3rXeknbjx>

Don't forget to book your school lunches for the term on the Schools Food United app.



Please name ALL uniform to ensure it gets back to its owner.
Thank you!

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Term overview



We will be learning about celebrations and events from around the world as they happen. These include: Bonfire Night, Remembrance Day, Diwali, Thanksgiving, Christmas and Hanukkah! We will celebrate the countries we are from, our different cultures and languages that we can speak. Please let us know if you would like to come in and share any of your traditions or celebrations with us.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

This term we will be learning to:

- play with other children and develop storylines together
- try new activities
- explore and share resources
- explore our feelings and emotions
- be respectful using kind hands, kind feet and kind words

Physical Development

We will be learning to:

- understand what gymnastics is and why it is important to move safely and regularly
- develop our balance and spatial awareness skills
- sequence movements into a short, simple routine
- understand the importance of mobility and flexibility
- develop gross motor skills, core and shoulder strength

Communication and Language

We will be learning to:

- share ideas with others
- listen to others in a variety of situations
- join in with familiar stories, rhymes and songs
- respond to two-part instructions
- understand and use topic vocabulary
- ask questions and develop explanations

Maths

We will be learning to:

- recognise numerals 4 and 5
- match numerals and quantities
- count objects using one numeral name for each object
- identify and compare 2d shapes
- carefully count shape sides
- order and compare height, length and weight
- recognise when items are organised into size order

How are we the same but different too?

Understanding the World

We will be learning:

- about Bonfire Night, Guy Fawkes and firework safety
- about Remembrance Sunday and why we wear poppies
- information about Diwali, Thanksgiving and Hanukkah and comparing similarities and differences
- about the significance of Christmas to Christians and how it is celebrated around the world

Literacy

We will be learning to:

- listen to stories and information from non-fiction books
- recall details about settings, characters and events
- recognise familiar words and signs
- recognise and write our own name
- link sounds to letters using Little Wandle
- form letters correctly
- blend and segment simple three letter (CVC) words
- hear when two words rhyme

Expressive Arts and Design

We will be learning to:

- identify primary colours (red, yellow, blue)
- mix primary colours to create secondary colours
- combine our colour mixing skills with our previous linework to create unique and personalised pieces
- use a variety of tools to support us when mixing colours

Reception Term 2



This term our enquiry question is:
How are we the same but different too?

Our value for the term continues to be **HOPE!**



Reading



We are committed as a school to ensuring all children develop the skills they need to read independently and have access to life long learning. Our team believe in ensuring all children find themselves represented in books. We aim to expose our children to high quality, award winning and diverse literature.

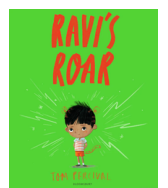
Book change days

Please ensure **both books** are in your child's book bags for **Monday** to be collected in. We have Book Club every **Monday** where we share our books, discuss what we liked about them and recommend to each other. We then come home with a new one! Your child's new phonics book will be sent home on a **Thursday** after they have read it three times in class.

Books for the term



- Ava's Poppy - Marcus Pfister
- Ravi's Roar - Tom Percival
- Milo's Monster - Tom Percival
- Lubna and Pebble - Wendy Meddour
- The Christmas Story



How you can help at home

Share books that your children bring home from school. Read any books you have at home. Read recipes, magazines, print in the environment. Let your children see you reading!

Phonics



We will continue learning a new phoneme each day. We will be introducing digraphs which are two letters that make one sound.

Our main focus is for every child to be blending and reading words. We will also learn new tricky words which can't be sounded out.

Phase 2 Sound Mat

s	a	t	p	i	n	m	d
g	o	c	k	ck	e	u	r
h	b	f	l	j	v	w	x
y	z	qu	th	sh	ch	ng	nk

Tricky words

is l the put pull full as
and has his her go no to
into she push he of we me be

Phonics vs sharing books

Your child will bring home a book for pleasure on a **Monday** which you can share together. They are not supposed to be able to read this!

All children read 3 times per week in school with a phonics book matched to their ability. Our aim is to get them reading by sight and with fluency. We also work on comprehension skills. These come home on a **Thursday**. They will have no words until your child can blend with sounds to read. Please use the prompts in the covers of the books for phonemes to check, words to discuss and questions to answer.

How you can help at home


Each week we will share a recap of the learning we have covered in phonics. You can work on these at home with your child. This will be explained in more detail at the workshop.

Little Wandle - Letters and Sounds
Reception Phonics Home Learning

Phase 2 - Autumn 1 Week 1
Focus - Phonemes s / o / t / i

Please support your child to practise and reinforce the phonemes and graphemes we are learning in school. More information and support can be found on the Little Wandle website - <https://www.littlewandle.com/resources/parents>.

Phonemes we will be focusing on this week in school -

	Phoneme s - s Show your teeth and let the s float out like a snake.		Phoneme a - a Open your mouth wide and make the a sound on the back of your mouth.
	Phoneme t - t Open your lips, put the tip of your tongue behind your teeth and press t t t.		Phoneme p - p Bring your lips together, push them open and say p p p.

We will be orally blending words. Can you hear the phonemes in these words? Can you listen and then repeat the word?

s - a - t t - a - p s - a - p
p - a - t a - t

What you will need...

P.E.

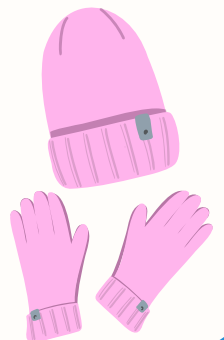
PE will be on a **Monday**. Please send your child to school with their PE kit on. Please remember our PE uniform is a Kingfisher OR white polo shirt, navy/black shorts or trousers and plain trainers or daps. They will be in this all day, so please ensure it is weather appropriate.



Outdoor learning

We will be doing regular outdoor learning and Welly Walks. Please can all children have a pair of named wellies in school for these.

We also go outside in all weathers. Children will need waterproof coats and appropriate weather gear for the season.



PLEASE LABEL EVERYTHING!

Christian Authenticity

In Collective Worship...

This term our value continues to hope. We will be focussing on stories from the Bible that reflect this including The Christmas Story and the impact it has on the lives of our children.



Child of Hope



We continue to think about and make links with our Kingfisher family in Uganda at the Child of Hope school.

We will be catching up with them later in the term to find out how their school year is going.



Kingfisher Community Cupboard



We launched this at the end of term 1. You can drop off donations here, or collect items which you or your family need but require support accessing.

We want to continue running this and make it accessible to the local community.

Term dates

- Monday 30th October 2023 - INSET Day
- Tuesday 31st October 2023 - First day of term 2
- Friday 3rd November 2023 - Family Firework Fun 
- Friday 10th November 2023 - Remembrance - please wear red



- Monday 20th November 2023 - Parents' Evening - 3.30-6pm
- Wednesday 22nd November 2023 - Parent's Evening - 4-7pm
- Wednesday 6th December 2023 - Cosy Christmas Club - 4.45-7pm
- Saturday 9th December 2023 - Christmas Fayre 
- Monday 11th December 2023 - PM - Nativity Dress Rehearsal to Deanery siblings
- Tuesday 12th December 2023 - 2pm - Nativity to parents
- Wednesday 13th December 2023 - 9.30am - Nativity to parents 
- Friday 15th December 2023 - End of term 2



Safeguarding

Please contact Swindon MASH if you are concerned about a child.

E-mail: Swindonmash@swindon.gov.uk

Telephone: 01793 466903

8.30am to 4.40pm Monday to Thursday

8.30am to 4.00pm Friday

The Emergency Duty Service (EDS) is available outside office hours on

01793 436699

If you think that a child is in immediate danger, please ring 999 and speak to the police.



Friends of Wichelstowe Trinity



Learning Campus



We wanted to let you know more about the friends of Wichelstowe Trinity Learning Campus, and the events that we are planning for this academic year.

We raised over £2500 last year and we have great plans for future events. We would also like to invite you all to join us for a drink and a chat at school to discuss what you can do to assist the friends by way of volunteering, sponsorship, support, corporate sponsorship, social media, marketing etc.

This year, we hope to host more discos, as well as ice cream sales, cake sales and second-hand uniform sales. Our big events for the Autumn will be the Family Fireworks Extravaganza, another quiz night, Christmas Fayre and more.

Whilst all of these are very exciting and we would hope that at least one of the events would be of interest to most families, there is an obvious need for volunteers to enable any of these to run safely. Kingfisher are looking to the friends for support in purchasing items that will benefit our pupils, and it would be great if we were able to fund these from events and fundraising.

Please email:

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