



Reception Class: Autumn Term 1b

What is my child learning this half term?

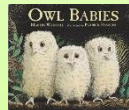


Literacy and Phonics

We will be enjoying a variety of wonderful stories together this term! Some of the books we'll be reading include *Stickman*, *Owl Babies*, and *The Christmas Story*.

In phonics, we will continue learning our letter sounds and practising how to blend them together to make simple words. We'll also be exploring rhyming words — learning to recognise them and having fun creating our own rhymes!

Please try to share stories and read with your child every day. Our *Favourite Stories* can also be accessed and listened to on the school website: bsl.leeds.sch.uk. Simply visit the Early Years page to find them!



Role Play



Our role play area this term will be a Post Office! The children will have the opportunity to act out wrapping presents, paying for items, and sending cards. You could support this learning at home by visiting the Post Office on Old Lane together — your child might enjoy spotting familiar things and talking about what happens there!

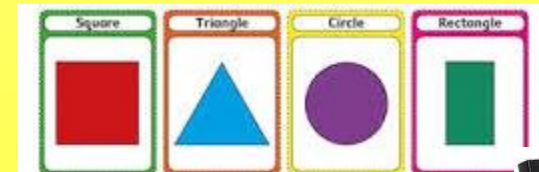
Maths

We will be learning to recognise numbers and understand the values they represent. The children will practise careful counting — making sure each object is counted only once and that we count accurately.



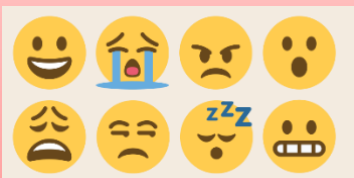
We will be learning to name and recognise 2D shapes, as well as using new vocabulary to describe the position of objects — for example, *under*, *above*, and *behind*.

Why not have a go at spotting shapes around your home? How many circles, squares, or triangles can you find?



Circle Time

Our topic this half term is 'Getting On and Falling Out'. We will be talking about our likes and dislikes, how we feel in different situations, and how to recognise and respond to the feelings of others. The children will be learning how to be kind friends, work together, and solve problems in a positive way.



RE and Collective Worship

This half term, we will be learning about **Jesus** and some of the miracles he performed. As we move closer to Christmas, we will explore the story of **his birth** and why it is such an important celebration for Christians.

We will also be learning about the festivals of **Diwali** and **Eid**, finding out how different people and families celebrate special times in their own ways.

What special occasions do you celebrate in your family?



Topic

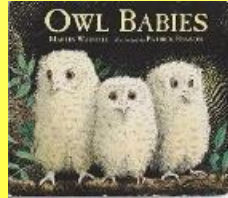
Our topic this half term is '**Celebrations**'. We will be learning about different celebrations that take place throughout the year, as well as some that are special to this time of year — such as **Bonfire Night**, **Christmas**, **Diwali**, and **birthdays**.

The children will be making cards, talking about **Advent**, and exploring the different ways we celebrate these special occasions — for example, **eating birthday cake** or **sending Christmas cards**.



The Owl Man

On Friday, 12th December, we will have a visit from the Owl Man! We will be reading the story *Owl Babies* and learning all about nocturnal animals. The Owl Man will bring in some real owls for us to see. We will talk about where they live, what their babies look like, and we will even have the opportunity to hold one!



PE

We will be focusing on moving in a variety of different ways using different apparatus — for example, **rolling**, **jumping**, and **balancing**. The children will continue to practise **finding and using space safely** in the hall.

Outdoors, we will be exploring how to move our bodies in different ways — **balancing**, **crawling**, and **climbing** to build strength, coordination, and confidence.

Vocabulary for this half term

We will be focussing on this vocabulary in school. Please use this vocabulary with your children so they hear these words as much as possible and understand their meaning and how to say them correctly in a sentence.

Colour and light: red, blue, yellow, pink, green, purple, orange, white, black, brown, grey, rainbow, light, dark, transparent, opaque, multicoloured.



Celebrations: birthday, Christmas, Diwali, Eid, christening, baptism, bonfire night, Easter, anniversary, Chinese New Year.

Places of Worship: church, mosque, temple.



Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter. We hope you will find the information helpful. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher. If you have any comments or suggestions for future newsletters, please let a member of staff know.

Thanks again, Reception Team