



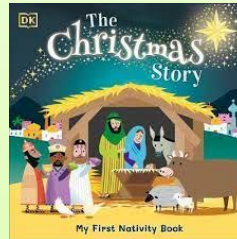
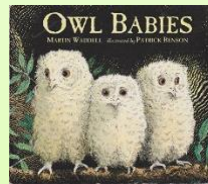
Reception Class: Autumn Term 1b

What is my child learning this half term?



Literacy and Phonics

We will be reading many different stories that we enjoy. Some of the stories we will read include Stickman, Owl Babies, and the Christmas Story. We will continue to learn our letter sounds and blending sounds together to make simple words. We will also be learning to recognise rhyming words and practising rhyming ourselves.



Please try to read stories and share books with your children every day. Our 'Favourite Stories' can be accessed and listened to via the school website bsl.leeds.sch.uk. Look for the 'Early Years' page!

Role Play Area



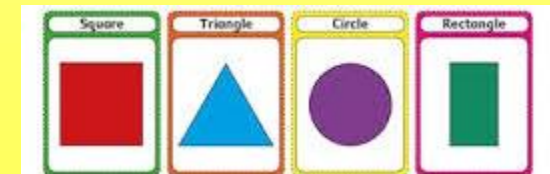
We will have a post office area. The children will be able to act out wrapping presents, paying for items and sending cards. Maybe you could visit the post office on Old Lane?

Maths

We will be learning how to recognise numbers and the values that they represent. We will be practising counting objects very carefully so that we count them correctly.

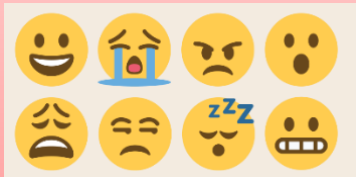


We will be naming 2D shapes and learning vocabulary to describe the position of an object e.g. under, above, behind. What shapes can you spot in your house?



Circle Time

Our topic this half term is 'getting on and falling out'. We shall be talking about our likes and dislikes, our feelings in different situations, how to recognise how our friends are feeling and how to respond back to them.



RE and Collective Worship

We will be learning about the person of Jesus and some of his miracles. In the weeks leading up to Christmas we will be learning about his birth. We will also be learning about the festivals of Diwali and Eid.

What do you celebrate in your family?



Topic

The topic this half term is 'Celebrations'. We will be learning about different celebrations that happen throughout the year and some that are particular to this time of the year, for example, bonfire night, Christmas, Diwali and birthdays.

We will be making cards, talking about Advent, learning about the different ways in which we celebrate each of these events, for example, eating birthday cake, and sending Christmas cards. (see vocabulary below)



Owls come to visit us!

On Friday 24th November, the Yorkshire Owl Experience company will be bringing owls into school to visit the children. This will support our topic as we learn about nocturnal animals (animals that sleep in the day and wake up at night). Your child will look at nests and eggs and can have the opportunity to hold an owl. We will take photos for you to see what a great time we had!



PE

We will be focussing on moving in a variety of different ways with different apparatus e.g. rolling and jumping. We will continue to work on finding a space in the hall. Outside, we will be practising balancing, crawling and moving in different ways.

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