



"Learning together,
learning for life"

KEY DATES:

07.11.25
Individual
Photos

13.11.25
Sublime
Science
Workshop

19.11.25
Stay and Play
2.25pm

06.12.25
Christmas Fayre

16.12.25
9.30 & 2.30
Year R Nativity

17.12.25
Christmas
Lunch &
Jumper Day

19.12.25
Christmas
Holidays



Year R Newsletter - Autumn 2 2025

After Dark



We have been so impressed with how the Year R children have started school. The children are enjoying showing their independent skills so we ask if you could continue to say goodbye at the playground door to support this.

<p>Communication & Language</p> <p>We will be developing our questioning skills and developing our answers to how and why questions. We will be talking to our friends about what we want and how we think a game should be played. We will continue to develop our listening skills to be able to hear initial sounds and oral blend words.</p> <p>FOCUS: I can talk in small group conversations back and forth.</p>	<p>Physical Development</p> <p>This half term, the children will continue to develop their fine motor skills through a range of activities. We shall be continuing to practise forming letters correctly. In PE, the children will be following instructions in a large space and developing their ability to work as a team. They will be practising dances and experimenting with different ways of moving.</p> <p>FOCUS: I can write my name</p>	<p>Personal, Social and Emotional</p> <p>We shall focus on friendships and learning how to get on with each other. Our No-Outsiders book 'Red Rockets, Rainbow Jelly' will help us understand it is ok to like different things. We will also be finding out how to keep ourselves safe in the dark by making reflective bands and learning about the firework code.</p> <p>FOCUS: I can talk about my likes and dislikes with friends</p>
<p>English</p> <p>This half term, we will be reading a selection of stories and information books about nocturnal animals. We will be reading 'Owl Babies' by Martin Waddell. We will be continuing to teach the children to use book language (e.g. front cover, title, author, illustrator). We will be reading 'The Light in the Night' by Marie Voight and thinking about how characters feel and what might happen next. The children will have opportunities to write for a range of different purposes including speech bubbles, posters, cards, lists etc.</p> <p>FOCUS: I can read digraphs in CVC words.</p>		<p>Maths</p> <p>This half term, the children will be counting, out loud to 10. They will be estimating how many objects in a group they can see and counting them to check whether they are correct. They will be recognising numerals 0-5 and matching them to the correct number of objects. They will also be looking at 2D and 3D shapes and talking about the position of objects.</p> <p>FOCUS: I can subitise numbers to 5 and compare groups.</p>
<p>Expressive Arts and Design</p> <p>This half term, we have a dark cave and a forest, with nocturnal animals, as our role-play areas. We will also be creating firework dances and music. We will be making lanterns, collage poppies and Christmas decorations using a range of different skills and media. We will be looking at Van Gough's Starry Night as inspiration for our own pictures.</p> <p>FOCUS: I can role play my experiences.</p>	<p>Knowledge & Understanding of the World</p> <p>This half term, the children will be learning about different celebrations and festivals celebrated by different families including, Hannukah and Christmas. We will also be looking at light and dark. We will learn about Nocturnal animals. We will also think about how candles were used in the past. FOCUS: I can talk about night and day.</p>	
<p>RE. Celebrating Birthdays</p>		

Home Learning Ideas

<p>Joint challenge</p> <p>Go for a walk in the dark together. Remember to think together about how to keep safe (torches, reflective clothes, safe places to walk). Take photos or draw what you see at night.</p>	<p>Parent's challenge</p> <p>Visit the local park and encourage your child to spin, swing and climb. This will help develop physical needs for writing.</p>	<p>Child's challenge</p> <p>What numbers can you find around you? Take photos and add to Tapestry.</p>
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Miss Davis

Mrs Ruos

Mrs Joy

Mrs Campbell