

# Curriculum Newsletter

Year R Term 2 2020/2021

I have been so pleased with how well the children have settled into school life and have made such a positive start to their learning. Term 2 begins with celebrating Diwali and investigating light and dark, colour and pattern.

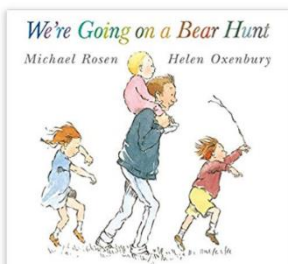
The last few weeks of term will be focussed around celebrations. We will discuss different occasions where we celebrate with our families and we will be taking part in a Christmas performance which we will share with you on Class Dojo.

## Readers and Writers

In phonics, we will be putting the sounds that we have learned together to read and write words and simple captions.



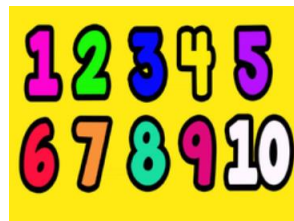
We will start to write for a purpose as we play. We will be bringing reading books and tricky words home to practise.



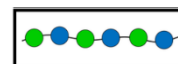
Our book of the term will be 'Bear Hunt' by Michael Rosen and Helen Oxenbury.

## Mathematicians

In maths, we will extend our understanding of number and begin to work with quantities to ten. We will be talking about addition and subtraction and learning how to find one more or one less than a number to ten.



We will be using mathematical names for 2D shapes and using them to create our own patterns.



## Scientists, Geographers and Historians

In Knowledge and Understanding of the World we will talk about different celebrations and how we celebrate them.

We will be learning about colour and light and dark. We will be talking about where light comes from and the children will make a 'cave' to explore the difference between light and dark.



### Personal, Social and Emotional

We will introduce 'gem powers' to the children as a way for them to make the right choices in their learning.

### Expressive Arts and Design

With colour as a focus for this term, the children will be exploring how to mix and change colours using a variety of paints and other materials.

### Homework



Children make better progress in school when they practise every day at home. Please make sure that your child reads with you and practises their sounds and tricky words. They also need to bring their book bags with them to school every day.

### Tapestry



Don't forget to look at Tapestry to see photographs and comments about your child's learning. We share our experiences in school and the children really enjoy talking about photos from home which you can upload to the site.

**Yours sincerely,  
Mrs Munro**