



Updates and reminders

Welcome back. We hope you had a restful week and are ready for a very busy Term 2.

We have our trip to Alexandra Park on Tuesday 9th November at 12.45– 2.45. Please ensure you access ParentPay to pay your contribution and give consent for your child to attend.

On the day, your child may wear comfortable bottoms such as jogging bottoms with their school uniform polo-shirt and jumper. They must have a pair of wellies in a named carrier bag. Don't forget to wear school shoes in the morning.



Dates for the Diary

Parent Consultations–	Wednesday 3rd November—3.30— 5.00 (Wises Owls only)
	Thursday 4th November—2.00- 7.00 (Both Classes)
Trip to Alexandra Park	Tuesday 9th November
Remembrance Day Commemorations in class- rooms	Thursday 11th November
Odd Socks Day Raising Awareness of Being Unique	Monday 15th November
Last day of term	Friday 17th December

Our Learning: Sparkle and Shine!

In maths this term the children will continue to learn about number and shape through a range of practical experiences. We will be finding different ways of recording our work through pictures and making marks. We will continue to explore counting using one to one correspondence and counting verbally to larger amounts. We will also be exploring shapes and using them to make repeating patterns.



Outdoor Learning

We plan to begin Outdoor Learning this term. Each term a different group of children will take a turn to visit the woodland and engage in outdoor learning. Please look out for additional letters that inform you when your child will be going and what they will need.



In literacy this term we will continue to explore new stories such as the How to Catch a Star, Gingerbread Man, Biscuit Bear, Father Christmas Needs A Wee and the Christmas Story. The children have learnt several signs such as *Once Upon a time, Early One Morning and who* when telling stories. This term we will learn *First, Next, After that and Finally*.



Reading at home

Thank you to all those families who are reading regularly at home. We are really seeing the great impact this is having on pupils. Please support your child to sound out these words with increasing independence. It may be that they can use the pictures to help them or even the pattern of the story alongside their phonics.



In Sounds Write each day there will be a focus on word building, swapping sounds and reading and spelling words. We will be segmenting and blending words as we explore them.

Pupils are welcome to bring in interesting items from home to share such as: a leaflet from a recent visit; a special item such as a bird's nest; or an exciting shell. We ask that toys are not brought into school as they can cause upset if they become lost or broken .



Home learning

We will shortly be setting the Home Learning activities for Term 2 on Purple Mash. We were amazed at all the hard work achieved last term. Well done Reception!

