

Sylvester Primary Academy

Early Years Newsletter

Autumn Term- Friday 17th November 2023



[Nursery Class](#)

This week has been Nursery Rhyme Week! As well as singing lots of rhymes we made 2d shape mice for Hickory Dickory Dock, created play dough people and faces for Heads, Shoulders, Knees and Toes, painted streams in different shades of blue for Row, Row, Row Your Boat and went number fishing! On Friday we had Children in Need and played a Pudsey Bear number game, finger painted spotty pictures, iced and decorated biscuits and made our own Pudsey ears! For our Maths work we have learned about number 2: identifying sets of 2, making sets of 2 and looking at different dice patterns.

Home Activity- To practice singing Nursery Rhymes using the link below.

[Nursery Rhymes](#)

[Reception Class](#)

We have had a really busy week this week! We have been learning about the Hindu festival of Diwali. We read the story of Rama and Sita and the children enjoyed finding out about a different religion. As part of anti-bullying week, we read the story of 'Rainbow Fish' and how important it is to be tolerant and respectful of everybody. We talked about differences and how everybody/family is different and we can celebrate this. We have finished the week celebrating 'Children in Need'. The children loved having fun with some spotty themed activities.

In Phonics we have continued to learn some new sounds and review the ones we have previously learnt. Please use these links below to watch some of the Phonics Videos the children love to use to help their blending.

[Fred's Garden Game](#)

[Fred's Trip to the Zoo](#)

[Key Dates:](#)

Wednesday 6th December: Nursery Nativity (morning time, further details to follow)

Friday 8th December: Christmas Jumper Day/Christmas Fayre

Tuesday 12th December: Reception Nativity (further details to follow once we have an idea of timings)

Friday 15th December: Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day

Wednesday 21st December: Term ends

Reminders:

Reading books for Reception Class are due in on a Friday please and we will change them for a new reading book on Monday.

Please ensure packed lunches do not include any products that contain nuts.

Reception children are going to start more formal PE lessons. Just to give parents/carers advance warning can we please purchase PE kits for after Christmas. Children will be able to come into school wearing their PE kit for the day. We will confirm which day nearer the time. PE kit is a white Sylvester T-shirt, navy blue shorts, pumps or trainers. As the children are wearing their kit for the day they will be playing outside etc so you may want to put long tracksuit bottoms/jacket on them. The tracksuit does need to be black or navy blue please. Thanks