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Robins and Woodpeckers News

We've enjoyed a wonderful first half term together in Reception. We have concentrated on 'having a go' and persevering with a task and then being able to feel proud of our efforts.

We read the story of 'The Rainbow Fish' and the children explored the story's characters, setting, problem and solution. We also broke the story down and looked at the structure, beginning, middle and end in detail. We have been busy learning the first set of sounds in Phonics. We will complete the set now that we are back and continue to blend and segment short words to read and write. Later in the term, some of us will begin to learn the next set of sounds. In our writing we will begin to write short words and then link them together, writing two or three word captions e.g. 'the hot dog'. In our Maths learning we have been representing numbers to 3 in a variety of ways and have begun to look at one more and one less of a given number. We have recognised, continued and created our own repeating patterns.

We thought about the people who are special to us and explored our new school and the Rainbow Promise. The children pledged to show love, care and respect for each other as part of our class family, as well as trying hard to always do our best. We also explored the story of Noah's Ark, and discussed the Rainbow Promise God made to us. As always, if you have any comments or questions, please don't hesitate to come and see us.

Mrs Redondo, Mrs Bruce & Miss Jennings

Owl Learning Values

- Challenge
- Collaboration
- Independence
- Managing Distractions
- Optimism
- Pride
- Perseverance



Rainbow Values

- Forgiveness
- Patience
- Support
- Kindness & Joy
- Love
- Honesty
- Respect
- Peace



Reminders

Coats/Cardigans/Jumpers: Please remember to check the weather, and bring a coat/cardigan/jumper for your child on days particularly when the weather may be cooler or forecast to rain.

Water bottles: Your child can help themselves to drinking water throughout the session so please remember to supply a named water bottle. Please also talk to your child about the importance of drinking.

Labels: Please remember to keep checking all items of clothing and any bags or bottles are named. We continue to find items that are not named. If you are missing something, please look in our lost property box outside the classrooms.

Jewellery: Jewellery should not be worn at school. Only stud earrings should be worn at any time.

Library: Please remember to bring library books to school on Wednesday. Each week your child will bring home a book from school to share.

Reading folders: Please make sure the reading folders are always in your child's school bag so as to give us flexibility to be able to read with all the children during the week.

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Our Term

Autumn 2- Let's celebrate

Week	Suggested Contexts for Learning	Upcoming Dates for Diary
Week 1 03.11-06.11	Story – 'Rama and Sita' Firework Safety Create Rockets Guy Fawkes and the Gunpowder Plot -Timelines Circles and triangles	Thur 5th Nov – Bonfire Night Thurs 5th Nov- Diwali Dance Fri 6th Nov—Scholastic Book Fair
Week 2 9.11-13.11	Story – 'The Little Red Hen'. Learn the story Armistice Day and Remembrance Create Poppies 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 Find, subitize and represent	Monday 9th Nov- OPAL Donation day Wed 11th Nov - Armistice Day
Week 3 16.11-20.11	Story – 'The Little Red Hen'. Sequencing and retelling. Bread making Whole School Friendship Week /Antibullying week One more, one less and compositions	Mon 16th Nov- Odd socks day Fri 20th Nov- Anti Bullying workshop
Week 4 23.11-27.11	The Christmas Story Christmas Songs and Dances One more, one less and compositions	Fri 27th Nov- Own clothes for Winter festival TBC
Week 5 30.11-04.12	The Christmas Story Christmas Songs and Dances Advent Shapes with 4 sides	Fri 4th Dec- Pause day
Week 6 07.12-11.12	The Christmas Story Christmas Performances Christmas Decorations Comparing length	Tuesday 8th Dec Christmas Performance 9.30 pm Wed 9th Dec – Christmas performance to school 9.30am Christmas Performance parents 2.00 pm Thurs 10th- Christmas dinner Friday 11th - Christmas Jumper Day Friday 11th EYFS PANTO
Week 7 14.12-18.12	The Christmas Story Christmas crafts	Fri 18th – Last Day of term 1.30pm



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5 Top Tips to Support Your Child This Half-Term

1. Practise putting on and taking off their coat independently including doing up zips and buttons.

2. Encourage your child to put on their own gloves (last!).

3. Continue to read with your child and practise their sounds as often as possible.

4. Encourage your child to practise their name writing with the correct letter formation.

5. Praise your child if they have found something tricky as they are building their perseverance skills.