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"Learning and achieving in a caring community."

Do to others what you would want them to do to you- Matthew 7:12



Friday 5th November 2021

EYFS/KS1 Nativity Dates
 Thursday 9th December
 Afternoon and evening performances.

**EYFS/KS1 Autumn Term 2
 Let's Celebrate**

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back, we hope you all had a lovely half term break.

Our topic this term is called 'Let's Celebrate' and has a music and DT focus. We kicked off our topic this week by listening to Tchaikovsky 1812 overture and exploring how the music made us feel as well as creating our own orchestra. We will be looking at a variety of celebrations and how music is used within them culminating in our own Nativity Performance, more details to follow later! As part of this, we will be thinking about the idea of journeys undertaken and how this links to our own experience of visiting places in Geography. We will be going on a local area walk around South Cerney village to identify physical and human features as well as learning our own address. In Science, we will be continuing our focus on materials and their properties through lots of investigation.



P.E. days-

Friday for EYFS &Y1 and Y2

Alternate **Tuesdays** for Y2 due to Forest School

We will be focussing on Dance and learning how to build up actions to create our own dance on the theme of Fireworks as well as dances for our Nativity play. Please ensure that your child comes to school on these days dressed in the appropriate PE kit. This is black shorts/joggers, a yellow t-shirt and a black jumper or hoody and trainers. Please discourage children from wearing bright exercise leggings.

Forest School

EYFS and Y1 will be having Forest School with Mrs Home on a two-week cycle between Apple and Bay Class. Apple class have their first session on the **4th November**. Please come dressed ready for Forest School in outdoor clothing, arms and legs should be covered, bringing wellies and waterproofs to change into. Please look at Class Dojo for reminders about when it is your child's turn.

Y2 will have Forest School with Miss Lund alternating with a PE on a Tuesday. Our first session for Forest School is the **9th November**.



Reading Books

Please hear your child read **every day** and encourage them to read other books too. We will regularly check reading records to see if your child has achieved a reading prize so please have them in school **every day**. We have guided reading sessions as well as individual reading during the week. This term we will be encouraging the children to achieve their first award for **50** reads. Please talk to your child about what they have read; they are always welcome to bring in books they enjoy to share with the class. They also have the opportunity to get a book from the school library every week but need to return their book before being allowed another one.



Spellings Y1 and Y2

Children will be taught a given spelling pattern within school on a **Monday** alongside their year group common exception words. The children will then be expected to practise their spellings at home before being asked to apply their spelling pattern learnt back in school on a **Friday**.

Lexia Y1 and Y2

Lexia® Core5® Reading is a fun, computer-based program that helps students to improve their literacy skills. The activities in Core5 support and build on your child's classroom curriculum and focus on developing reading skills in six areas: phonological awareness, phonics, structural analysis, fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension. Please can you use the login provided to help practise at home. Year 1 logins will be sent out shortly.

Phonics Bug – EYFS and Y1

Phonics Bug is an online reading library that will help support your child's phonic and reading development. Please make sure you are logging on and reading the books that have been set for your child.

Please feel free to speak to us should you have a query or would like to find out more about the activities we are planning. Class Dojo will be used to send out reminders and share photos of the lovely work we are doing so please check it regularly. You can also use it if needed to send a quick message to class teachers but be aware this will not be checked during teaching time. If you need to send something more official, then please email us.

Yours sincerely,
 Miss Ward, Mrs Connolly, Mrs Gleeson , Miss Lund KS1 team ☺

