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Reception Year 1 and 2 CURRICULUM OVERVIEW – Autumn Term 2025 – Second half

Welcome back to School, we hope you all had an enjoyable break. A reminder that Mrs Taylor teaches Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Mrs Burcher teaches on Fridays. Miss Cassidy is our teaching assistant on Monday and Mrs Broadley on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Mrs Czapowski and Mrs Cassidy share the support of children in our classroom.

Our topic in Year 1 & 2 this half term is Fire, Fire. The children will be looking at The Great Fire of London the Monarchy and Castles. The Topic in Reception is Autumn Festivals where the children will be looking at all seasonal changes and covering Jack Frost, The Snowman and the Gingerbread Man. We will all be exploring all about Christmas, the Nativity and working hard on our Christmas play. There are more details below. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Mrs Taylor and Mrs Burcher

English Overview

Writing- Our three Units of writing will be Fire Poetry, Stories with a repetitive pattern covering Zog and Dragons, Non Fiction will be the Great Fire of London.

Reading- We will be reading and discussing many books such as Zog and Zog and the Flying Doctors, The Princess and the Dragon, The Small knight and George and George and the Dragon plus many non-fiction books on Castles and The Great Fire of London. The children in Reception will be looking at The Gingerbread Man, Jack Frost, The Snowman, The Snow dog and The Nativity.

Spellings for Year 1 and 2 – Will be sent home on Monday and tested the following Monday. Please check your child's spelling book and practise as often as possible.

Phonics – All the children have phonics daily. The Reception children are currently working on Phase 3 and Year 1 and 2 children on Phase 5. Please ask your child about their learning daily.

Reading Books and Guided Reading

Each day, children get the opportunity to read and discuss books. We make sure every child is heard read every week and if possible twice weekly. Children should still be reading at home every day and if your child needs their reading books changing more frequently than once a week please let us know. Please **write in the Reading journal**, if you hear them read or have a discussion about what they are reading. **Please ensure your child brings their school reading journal with their book to school everyday.**

Maths Overview

The half term the focus will be as follows-

Reception - Numbers up to 10, addition, understanding shapes by manipulating shapes and rotating, pattern work sharing grouping, and there will be lots of practical work.

Year 1 and 2 – Partitioning, addition, subtraction, multiplication, division and fractions. We will cover geometry looking at position and direction and there will be lots of place value within 50 for Year 1 and 100 work for Year 2



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Other Subjects:

Religious Education – Year 1 and 2 Christmas is good news Reception - We are all special

Science – Every day materials

Computing – Animation using the stop motion animation application

Design and Technology –

Art – 3D Sculpture and Christmas Art

Music – Charanga 'Ho ho ho'

History Monarchs and Castles

Physical Education – Dance 'Toy Story' & Ball skills catching and bouncing

PSHE – Valuing Difference

PE- Please ensure that that your child has a fully named PE kit that it is kept in a labelled bag - refer to the Parent Handbook for the correct uniform list. No earrings are to be worn on PE days. PE lessons this half term will take place on **Thursday and Friday**.

Homework – Occasionally we will send work home for your children to complete. Although the focus in Reception is practising your phonics until they are embedded and listening to your child read daily. Year 1 and 2 also have weekly spellings

Forest School - Mrs Burcher plans the forest school in line with our topic weekly. Forest School takes place on **Friday morning**. Please ensure your child brings in warm waterproof clothing and wellies or boots.

Key Dates for your child's class:

Gymnastic Club – 3.30 – 4.30pm Monday from 3rd of November – 1st of December (5 weeks)

Children in Need Day – Friday 14th of November

Parents Evening – Thursday 20th of November

Skipton Castle Trip – Monday 24th of November

Panto Trip & Christmas Jumper Day – Friday 12th of December

Christmas Church Service with Reverend Karen – Tuesday 16th of December at 9am

Nativity Performances – 2pm and 5.30 pm Wednesday 17th of December

Christmas Lunch and Christmas Party – Thursday 18th of December

If there are any changes to your child's medical needs that we should be aware of, please get in touch with Mrs Mason. Likewise, If you have changed email addresses please make sure you have informed Mrs Mason in the office. An email will be sent to you every Friday to keep you updated with what has been happening in class each week.

The theme for worship this half term is:

Compassion