



# Year R Curriculum Letter—Autumn 2

What a fantastic first six weeks we have had in Year R. We have been so impressed by how well your children have settled in and they are becoming more and more confident with their learning.

Next half term we are looking forward to having many more adventures!

Miss Harvey, Miss Stevenson & Miss Orchard.

## Weekly timetable

**Early Years Areas of Learning:** Literacy - Reading and Writing; Maths; Knowledge of the World; Expressive Arts and Design; Physical Development; Personal, Social & Emotional Development & Communication and Language.

### Monday

Music with Mrs Thompsett

### Wednesday

Nature Zone

### Friday

Inside PE

New reading books come home

### Every day

Phonics, Discovery Time, Story time, Maths

## Useful Yr R Web links

### Phonics:

[littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk](http://littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk)

### Reading:

[ops.collinsopenpage.com/sso](http://ops.collinsopenpage.com/sso)

### Maths:

[numbots.com/](http://numbots.com/)

[www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episodes/b08bzfnh/numberblocks](http://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episodes/b08bzfnh/numberblocks)

**Tapestry**—Please log in regularly to see our weekly updates and your child's recent learning.

[tapestryjournal.com/](http://tapestryjournal.com/)

## Key dates

**23rd –27th October**—Half Term

**Monday 30th October** —Children back to school

**Wednesday 8th November**—Individual Photographs

**Friday 10th November 9.00-9.45am**—Little Wandle Phonics parents workshop—all parents welcome!

**Tuesday 14th November**—INSET DAY

**Friday 17th November**—Children In Need (wear spots or stripes)

**Tuesday 21st / Thursday 23rd November**—Year R face-to-face parents evenings 3.30—6.30pm

**Friday 8th December**—Year R Nativity performance 9.15am

**Wednesday 13th December**—Christmas dinner & craft day (Year R & KS1)

**Friday 15th December**—Last day of term

## Outdoor education



Please be aware that we go out to play in the Year R garden **every day**—please bring a coat if rain has been forecast—If you would like to send wellies (or other wet weather gear) in the children can store them in their locker—please bring them in a named carrier bag.

**Please ensure ALL items of clothing are named.**

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## Literacy—Writing

We are very excited to start 'Drawing Club' this half term. Children will be introduced to the joy of many stories, animations and traditional tales and will be invited to join drawing club to share their ideas and learn a fantastic amount of new vocabulary.

We will share our Drawing Club focus and new vocabulary with you each week on Tapestry.



## Literacy— Reading

The children will begin to bring home their Little Wandle reading book each Friday. These will be matched to the sounds they have already learned and they will have read it in school three times, so should be familiar with them.

Children will also start to visit the school library and bring home a 'love for reading' book for you to share with them.

Every day in class we will continue to have a book vote and read the winning story before home time.



## Phonics

With 'Little Wandle' Phonics children will:



- Recap all sounds learned so far.
- Continue to learn to blend sounds together to read words.
- Learn new sounds: j, w, v, x, y, z
- Learn some digraphs (two letters, one sound): ff, ss, ll, zz, qu, ch, sh, th, ng, nk
- Recap previously learned tricky words: is, I, the
- Learn new tricky words: put, pull, full, as, and, has, his, her, go, no, to, into, she, push, he, of, we, be, me
- **We would love you to come along to our parent workshop on Friday 10th Nov to learn more about how we teach phonics and reading.**

## Maths

- Maths will be taught through sensory play, songs, games, activities and whole class learning. We will continue using NCTEM Numberblocks series to develop our journey of understanding numbers to 10.
- We will be looking at subitising, repeating AB patterns and making shapes from other shapes! Measuring outside will be taught using the language of comparing.



## Personal, Social & Emotional Development

- This half-term, we will be learning how to work alongside our friends and see if we can work out how to play and learn whilst supporting each other.
- We will be talking in class about our school value 'Community' and how this is important to us.

## Understanding the World

We will continue to explore the changes in the seasons when learning outside and will learn about what living creatures can be found in our garden and the Nature Zone!

## Expressive Art and Design

Music sessions with Mrs Thompsett—playing instruments and learning some new songs ready for our Christmas performance!

**PE and PD** Using 'Real PE' the children will be working on : Personal Skills

I enjoy working on simple tasks with help.

Movement Skills: Footwork and one-leg static balances.

We will also be working on our gross motor control as we explore different ways of moving, balancing and negotiating space!

