



Outwoods Edge Primary School

Every Child Every Day Every Future

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Dear Parents,

We hope you and your child have enjoyed the first half term and benefitted from a well-earned rest during the half term holidays. We thought we'd tell you some of the things that will be taking place now we are back. The half term leading up to Christmas is always a busy but exciting one. We have a new topic called '*Light up your Life*' with a visit from the Space Centre with their Star Dome Tent – remember the Friends of Outwoods Edge have part funded this experience and we are greatly appreciative of their generosity. Through the rest of the term we will look at sources of light both natural and manmade as well looking at the celebrations of Diwali and Bonfire Night, the season of winter and of course Christmas. We hope the children will enjoy all the activities culminating in our Performance which will be based on the Nativity story on the afternoon of 11th December and morning of 12th December. More details to follow at a later date.

The children have made an excellent start with their reading and are enjoying telling the stories in their books and beginning to read their first words. It is really important that you try to make some time to hear your child read every day and record their reading in the homework diary so that we know what is being done at home as well as school. The children have also begun to gain further strategies for reading with us beginning to teach the children the specific phonemes, what they look like, how they sound, what words contain the phoneme and how to blend them together in order to begin to read words. It is a very exciting and rewarding time for the children, so again any work you can do with the children learning the phonemes and blending and segmenting with the phoneme frames is very helpful. Again, if your child is confident in reading and making up words they can have a go at writing them alongside their tricky words – this will greatly help their confidence and independence in writing.

The phonemes will be taught in these groups:

Week beginning:

29th Oct – g,o,c,k

5th Nov – ck,e,u,r

12th Nov – h,b,f,ff,l,ss



19th Nov - Assess phase 2 phonemes and blending and segmenting

26th Nov - j,v,w,x

3rd Dec – y,z,zz,qu

10th Dec – ch,sh,th,ng

Our maths work will focus on continuing to learn numbers to 8,9, 10 including recognising the numeral, knowing the value and how it can be made, counting how many in a group, ordering and knowing the place value of numbers i.e which are bigger/smaller, knowing 1 more and 1 less than numbers to 10 .

We really enjoy seeing the work that you and your child is doing in their home link book – thank you for your support here. The children are also beginning to fill their Learning Journey's with work done in school and you can see photos of them doing their activities and our observations of them during busy time on Tapestry.

Please also remember that it is very important to read and play the phoneme games with your child as often as possible during the week. A minimum of 3 times a week is expected and helps your child have the practice they need in order to make progress. Some children are already progressing really well with their reading and are now reading books with words having learnt their pink tricky words and using good story language to make up stories from the pictures.

A few dates:

Week of 12th November – Anti Bullying Week

Thursday 15th November – Stardome Tent

10th December – FS Christmas performance dress rehearsal

11th December – afternoon – FS Christmas performance

12th December – morning – FS Christmas performance

13th December – Christmas Dinner

Week of 17th December – Christmas Party

18th December – Visit the Good Shepherd Church to learn about the Christmas story and a church at Christmas

21st December – Break up for Christmas

As always if you would like to know more or have any worries or anxieties please do not hesitate to come and see us and if any of you have a little spare time and would like to help out in the classroom we would love to hear from you (once the children have been dismissed).

Foundation Stage Team

Mrs S Gostelow and Mrs A Bookham (Class Acorn)

Mrs G Olaleye, Mrs T Lee and Mrs J Critchlow (Class Catkin)