

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a lovely half term break. The children all look very refreshed which is great as we have a busy term of learning and activities ahead of us.

The children work inside and outside everyday whatever the weather, so please make sure they have warm waterproof coats, gloves and hats which are clearly named. Exploring outside plays a large part in our curriculum and we will be investigating our environment, looking at weather and learning out about the wonderful seasons.

Topic: Our aim is to make your child's learning experience exciting and enjoyable through delivering a creative and stimulating curriculum which is based on the skills highlighted in the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum. Wherever possible all learning will be linked to a common theme.

This half term our topic is '**Light and Dark!**'

Our themes for this half term are Fireworks, Diwali, Space and Christmas.

Reading: Reading the school reading book five times during the week ensures that children are entered into the Reading Raffle and may get a chance to win a prize. Please send your child's reading folder, Lotto game or reading book and reading diary to school every day.

Diary Dates:

20.11.2020 - Diwali Dance workshop

11.12.2020 - Christmas Jumper Day

14.12.2020 - Flu Vaccinations for children

18.12.2020 - Children to come to school in Party/Christmas outfits

18.12.2020 - Last day of term

05.01.2021 - Children return to school

12.02.2021 - Break up for half term

22.02.2021 - Children return to school

Please speak to me before or after school if you have any questions or concerns. Alternatively email me at owlets@titchmarshprimary.co.uk.

I look forward to another fantastic term with the Owlets.

Thank you for your support,
Mrs Moulam

Titchmarsh



Church of England Primary School

**Reception
Curriculum Newsletter**

Class teacher: **Mrs Moulam**

Teaching assistants: **Ms Wilde** (Monday, Wednesday
Thursday and Friday mornings)

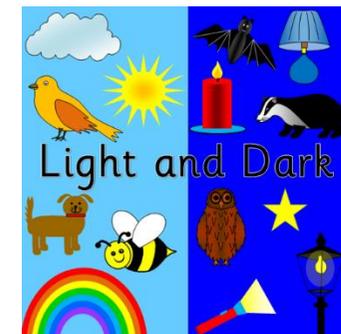
Ms Forscutt (Tuesday all day, Wednesday,
Thursday and Friday afternoons)

Mrs McClean (Monday afternoons)

Other staff: **Madame Kernick** (French Tuesday mornings)

Mr Tranmer (P.E Tuesdays)

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Communication and Language (listening and attention, understanding, speaking)

Children will be given the chance to listen and respond to ideas expressed by others. They will be given the chance to re-tell stories that they have learnt and to act out these stories in the role-play area. During adult led activities the children will be encouraged to explore the meaning of new vocabulary that they learn during this half term.



Mathematics (number, shape, space and measure)- White Rose Maths Mastery

Number

Children will learn to represent, compare and know the composition of the numbers one, two and three. Later in this half term the children will focus on representing numbers to five and solve one more and one less calculations.

Shape, space and measure

Children will learn about circles, triangles and shapes with four sides. They will also learn about positional language and time.



Understanding the World (People and Communities, World, Technology)

Children will learn about the traditions of Bonfire Night and how Diwali is celebrated. They will think about the cold climates of the North and South poles, the animals which live there and how they have adapted to a cold environment. The children will learn how Christmas is celebrated around the world.



Physical Development (moving and handling, health and self-care)

Children will continue to develop their gross and fine motor skills in their everyday play and when cutting, writing, model building and when creating artwork. In our P.E lessons the children will explore moving safely whilst running and jumping. They will learn how to roll, throw and catch a ball.

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Expressive Arts and Design (Exploring Media and Materials and Being Imaginative)

Children will explore mixing colours by adding water and other colours. They look at painting by Bruegel and Hockney then think about the seasons and what colour is associated with each.

Literacy (writing, reading and phonics)



Writing

During this half term the children will listen to and enjoy stories to inspire their writing. They will be asked to create lists and labels for prepositions, descriptions, lists of what to take to space, short captions and then longer captions. At the end of this half term children will write a letter to Santa.



Reading

The children will take part in individual reading with the class teacher or teaching assistant. As a whole class we will be reading lots of stories together, some that link into our topic and others for enjoyment. Children will be taught the meaning of new words and be given the opportunity to read out aloud.



Phonics

At Titchmarsh we use the Read Write Inc Phonics programme to deliver our daily phonic sessions. The children will be taught four new sounds a week along with red words which are harder to decode. The children will learn to read and write new words by segmenting (Fred Talk) and blending using their growing knowledge of letter sounds. Please see the weekly Newsletter for the sounds being taught the following week.



Personal, Social and Emotional Development (Self-confidence and self- awareness, managing relationships, managing feelings and behaviour)

Children will continue to appreciate and celebrate differences of each other, and to understand how it feels and how important it is to belong to a group. They will begin to learn what happens when one person is unkind to another and the emotions that this causes. The importance of telling an adult will be stressed and modelled to the children.



Religious Education This half term the children will focus on finding out the answers to the question why do Christians perform nativity plays at Christmas? They will learn that Christmas is the time when Jesus was born and learn about the giving of gifts and the Christmas story.