



Ludlow Primary School

Reception Newsletter Autumn Term 2

November - December 2025



Welcome Back!

We hope that all had a good half term break and are ready for a very busy half term!

Please remember, that it is important that you know that you can talk to us about your child's education. If you need to discuss a matter – or just want reassurance of how your child is doing – please do not hesitate to speak to us at home time or make an appointment to see us, either through Class Dojo or through the school office. We would also like to know of any issues which might affect your child at school; again, this helps us to gain an understanding of how we can support them.

Routines

The children are now confident coming into school each day and continue to grow in independence.

What are we learning?

Our overriding theme is: "Celebrations Around the World!"

Special celebrations: Bonfire Night, Remembrance, Thanks Giving, Hanukkah, Christmas

Key Talk for Writing Text: The Gingerbread Man

Please see below for our half-termly overview:

 Literacy Phonics (RWI) - Read all Set 1 sounds; blend sounds into words orally. Reading - Children start on wordless books and then progress in line with their phonics knowledge. Daily 15-minute class story time and discussion. Sharing books selected by children to take home 3 times a week to develop a love for reading. Writing - The Gingerbread man (Fiction) and Wanted posters (Non-Fiction). Write own name. Hear, say and write some sounds in words based on their phonic knowledge. Write initial sounds in words.	Mathematics (White Rose and NCETM) - Circles and triangles and positional language. - Light and Dark - Representing numbers to 5 - One more and one less - Shapes with 4 sides - Time - Consolidation  	Understanding the World - Seasonal – Autumn - My Town - Halloween, Bonfire Night, Diwali, Remembrance Day, Anti-Bullying Week - Christmas (+ Christmas Performance) - Bedtime Stories - Materials Enhancement: Visiting a church and wood
Communication and Language Listening and Attention Understand how to listen and why listening is important. Listen to the views of other people. Learn new vocabulary. Use new vocabulary throughout the day. Ask questions to find out more and to check they understand what has been said. - To know about different festivals. - To know different traditional stories. - To begin to talk about why things happen	Reception Autumn term 2 Overview  Our Topic this term is: Celebrations around the World	Physical Education  - Develop rolling a ball to a target, and stopping a ball. - Develop accuracy when throwing to a target. Develop bouncing and catching a ball. - Develop dribbling a ball with my feet. - Develop kicking a ball. Enhancement: Bike ability Fine motor - strength in my hands through fine motor activities Develop a secure dominant writing hand. Develop comfortable pencil grip and good writing posture. Make snips in materials with scissors. Use a knife, fork and spoon.
Personal, Social and emotional Development Jigsaw PSHE: Celebrating Difference: - What am I good at? - I'm Special, I'm me! - Families - Homes - Making Friends - Standing up for yourself - Road safety 	How can you help at home? Share books and stories regularly and ask your child questions about what you have read. Help your child learn their sounds and tricky words when these are sent home. Practise writing their name, showing them the correct letter formation. Help your child learn to count, recognise and order numbers to ten and beyond.	Expressive Arts and Design Focus Artist: Kandinsky – Christmas Tree Art In the kitchen – Gingerbread Men. Modelling – salt dough Christmas Tree decorations. Joining focus - slot Domestic role play area enhancements – decorate for Christmas and winter clothing. Music - Beyond the stars, light a Candle, When Snowflakes Fall. Enhancement: Pantomime Trip

PE

Wrens do PE on a Thursday and Robins do PE on a Friday. Please make sure that your child has a named kit in school.

Drinks

Please remember that we are encouraging the children to be healthy. Please only send in water for your child to drink and not squash.

Reading

Please remember to record home reading on Boom Reader - minimum of 3 times per week please.

Christmas Production

Reception will be performing their Christmas Production for their families in December.

Date to follow!

Outdoor Learning

We are now moving into the colder months. We will still be using our outdoor area. Please ensure that your child comes to school in a warm, waterproof coat and hat and gloves if needed. We have a limited number of pairs of wellies available for children to use at school. Please feel free to send in a pair of named wellies for your child to keep at school.

Dates for your Diary

6th November - School Photos
6th November - Bedtime Stories
14th November - Queenswood Trip
2nd December - Santa Skills Workshop
10th December - Christmas Jumper & Lunch Day
18th/19th December - Pantomime
19th December - last day of term

**Thank you for your continued support
The Early Years Team**