



FI Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn Term

Welcome Back



Celebrations!

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you have had a spooky half term and are well rested to start an extraordinary half term before Christmas!

This half term's theme 'Celebrations' will see us learning about celebrations and festivals around the world including Diwali, Hanukkah and Thanksgiving as well as celebrating King Charles's birthday and Remembrance day, closer to home.

We have a jam packed half term planned with lots of fun and exciting activities including cooking up some exotic foods for our world celebrations, having a party and much much more!

Our special stories this half term are 'You Must Bring a Hat' by Simon Philip and Kate Hindley, and 'The Robin who Stole Christmas' by Rachel Morrisroe and Richard Merritt.

Key dates for FI






Monday 10 th November	Reading morning (share one of our topic books with a grown up) 8:40-9am (parents and carers invited)
Monday 10 th -Friday 14 th November	Inter-Faith Week Anti-Bullying Week
Friday 14 th November	International Food Stall for Inter-Faith Week and Anti-Bullying Week Exhibition in the Hall (parents and carers invited Food donations required)
Tuesday 9 th December	FI Christmas Show 9.30-10am or 2.30-3pm
Friday 19 th December	Last day of school 2pm finish (please collect your child at 2pm)

Homework



We focus on name writing, pencil grip and counting and recognising numbers to 10 in FI. Please help your little one by practising these at home with them in a fun and interactive way, for example, reading number plates or door numbers when walking to school, playing a number snap game,

	<p>ordering the letters of their name before writing. Playing catch with a ball with them to develop their hand strength in readiness to hold a pencil. It all helps shape their learning.</p>
<p>Reading at home</p> 	<p>In FI we focus on reading for pleasure, sharing a book at bedtime is a great way to have some quality time with your little one as well as building their vocabulary. Come and speak to me if you would like to borrow a book from us.</p>
<p>Reminders</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please label all items with your child's name, especially jumpers and cardigans! • We do a lot of outdoor learning come rain or shine, so please ensure your child has the correct clothing. This includes a coat or a rain jacket, a sun hat, water bottle and sun cream. • Our FI timings are as follows: AM children: 8:40-11:40am PM children: 12:15-3:15pm Full time children: 8:40am-3:15pm. • Please note our FI gate does not open until 12:15pm due to our lunch-time timings. • Independence in a key learning point in FI and parents allowing children to come into FI by themselves really helps us embed this. Thank you for your support on this matter. Our teaching staff are always on hand to help children with zips etc.
<p>How can you help at home?</p> 	<p>Please keep screen time limited at bedtime. No screens 1 hour before bed. Please ensure your little one is ready for school by having a restful nights sleep. The recommended bedtime for 3-5 year olds should be between 7-8pm.</p> <p>One of the targets children have this half term is to independently put on their coats. Please help your child practise this key skill at home.</p>

Thank you for your continued support!

Miss Bibi