

EYFS Termly Update – Welcome Back!

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a brand-new term in EYFS! We hope you all had a lovely break and are ready for another exciting few weeks of learning and exploring together.

We are so proud of how hard the children have been working on their phonics. We have taught **all the single letter sounds** and the children have made brilliant progress recognising and using them. We have now started to learn some **digraphs** (sounds made with two letters, such as *sh*, *ch*, *th* and *ng*). Over the coming weeks, we will be revising all of these sounds and practising our **sound-blending skills** before moving on to learn **Set 2 sounds**.

Please continue to support your child by helping them to recall their **Set 1 sounds quickly and confidently**. Being able to say these sounds at speed really helps when they begin to blend them together to read words.

We also strongly recommend **reading with your child at least five times a week**. Regular reading makes such a difference to their confidence and progress. Don't forget to **record each home read in your child's reading diary**—every recorded day of reading counts towards their reading prizes and certificates!

Our New Topic: Let's Celebrate!

This term, our topic is all about **celebrations**! We'll be exploring lots of different celebrations from around the world and learning how people mark special occasions in different ways. If you have any **photographs of your family enjoying celebrations**—for example, birthdays, weddings, Christmas, Diwali, Eid, or any other special event—please do send them in. The children will love sharing these with their friends and talking about how their families celebrate together.

Maths in EYFS

In Maths, we are continuing to explore **numbers, counting and problem solving** through play and real-life experiences. You can really help your child at home by finding fun and simple ways to practise number skills in everyday situations.

Here are some ideas to try at home:

- **Counting everything!** Steps, apples, cars, toys, or jumps — make counting part of daily routines.

- **Spot numbers in the environment.** Look for numbers on doors, buses, clocks, price labels, or road signs.
- **Play board games** like *Snakes and Ladders*, *Ludo*, or *Dominoes*. These are fantastic for practising counting, turn-taking and recognising numbers in a fun, social way.
- **Use the free app “One Minute Maths”** by White Rose Maths — it’s a great, child-friendly way to build quick recall and confidence with numbers.
- **Problem solving at home.** Encourage your child to think about simple number problems: “If we have 2 apples and we buy 1 more, how many will we have?” or “Can you share these biscuits so we both get the same?”

All of these activities help children develop a strong understanding of number, quantity, and reasoning in fun, meaningful ways.

We are also excited to announce that there will be a **Maths Workshop for parents in the New Year**, where we’ll share practical tips and activities to support your child’s mathematical development at home. More information will follow soon!



Reminders

- **PE is still on Wednesdays.** Please ensure your child wears clothes that are **easy for them to take off and put back on** independently, as this really helps during changing time.
- **Please make sure all garments are clearly named**, including **gloves, hats, and scarves**, which the children have now started bringing in for the colder weather.
- **Water bottles should contain water only.** Please avoid juice or flavoured drinks.
- **DB Primary** is a fantastic tool to help revisit and consolidate the learning that has taken place at school. We encourage you to explore it regularly with your child—it’s a great way to reinforce what they’re learning in class.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Kind regards,

The EYFS Team 🌟