

Federation of Pinvin C of E First School and St Nicholas C of E Middle School

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Dear Parents and Carers

Autumn Term 2 Here we are...the run up to Christmas! Keep your eyes peeled for Nativity letters and Christmas information very soon!

Theme:

This half term, Reception will be exploring the theme, 'Festivals and Celebrations'. We will be learning about Bonfire Night, Diwali, Remembrance Day and of course Christmas.

We will be focusing on the story of 'The Gingerbread man', the children will learn to retell and act out the story and they will then have a go at innovating the story and changing some of the characters. We will be doing lots of practical activities to help us with this such as dressing up and becoming the characters, baking and junk modelling our very own Gingerbread houses and boats.

We will continue to practise our writing skills through our Literacy and Theme work, including writing a letter to Father Christmas, which we will post at our local post box in Pinvin.

Maths:

In maths this half term we will continue to practise our counting and number recognition extending the children up to 20. We will begin finding the number that is one more and one less than a given number. We will also be using our knowledge of numbers to look at estimating how many objects we can see and then check by counting to see if our estimates were close.

The children have already looked at 2D shapes and we will be extending them to be recognising, naming and describing familiar 3D shapes such as sphere, cylinder, cube, cone and cuboid.

Phonics:

The children are progressing really well with their phonics and so far they have learnt the sounds **s,a,t,p,i,n,m,d,g,o,c,k,e,u,r**. We have been thinking of words that begin with these sounds and we have even been using these sounds to build simple words such as 'sat' and 'cap'.

The children have also been introduced to the tricky words I, to, no, go which they are doing very well at recognising.

Reading:

If they haven't already then your child will soon be bringing a reading book home. Once your child knows the initial sounds being taught in phonics and is beginning to blend these sounds together, they will bring home a school reading book. Please do not feel that your child has to read all of the book at once, a few pages read well, with an

understanding of what they have read, is fine each night. We aim to read with the children once a week and will write in your child's diary when this has happened. When it is felt that the book is being read well, with some fluency, then it will be changed. If your child is not yet on school reading books, they will be practising their initial sounds and blending during this time to help encourage that move to reading books.

Writing:

The children are now doing really well with their writing and we have a good number of 'name writers' now! We continue to work upon writing daily in school within our Literacy and Phonics lessons, first writing our names and then working on simple CVC words (sat, mat, cat etc). You can help support your child at home using the phonics letters sent home and writing these letters to form simple words. Please encourage your child to use our 'Big Pinvin writing' (cursive) when they are writing with you at home as this will lead to less confusion and ensure they learn just one way to form their letters. If you have any questions about our handwriting style then please come and ask one of us.

Forest Learning:

We are now making use of our on school Forest School area every Thursday afternoon. We provide the waterproofs but as the weather turns colder you may want to send your child to school with an additional named warm jumper for under their waterproofs.

P.E.

P.E. will continue to be indoors on a Monday afternoon. We will focus on dance this half term. This will involve the children developing their awareness of space and also continue to refine their ability to move and travel in different ways, sometimes responding to music. For safety reasons we ask that all girls wear their hair tied up on a Monday and also remove earrings.

Can we also please ask parents to check that all kit is labelled, as the children do tend to pick up other people's kit whilst getting changed next to each other and it makes it easier for us to find, should some of your child's kit go missing.

Bits and Pieces

Unfortunately 'nits' are going around our class at the moment. Please check your child's hair every night and treat when necessary. Long hair should also always be tied back for safety reasons.

We had lots of uniform going missing last half term, please ensure that ALL uniform is labelled even shoes!

As always, our door is always open if there is anything you would like to discuss, so please feel free pop in.

Many thanks

Mrs Kilby, Mrs Groves and Mrs Prudden

