



Reception Newsletter



Autumn 2—2024/2025

Notices and Reminders

We wear **winter uniform** after half term:

- White polo shirt
- Bottle green sweatshirt or cardigan
- Grey school trousers, skirt, shorts or pinafore
- Grey, white or black socks / grey, black or bottle green tights
- Black, flat, sensible shoes

For further information, please visit:

<https://www.sandringham.kite.academy/parents/uniform/>

Communication and Language

During this half term, the children will learn the difference between asking a question and giving an answer. They will also practise following two-step instructions, enhancing their listening and cognitive abilities. The children will build their confidence to speak confidently in front of the whole class, sharing their life experiences. As the holiday season approaches, they will get into the festive spirit by learning to sing a range of Christmas songs with their classmates.



Physical Development

In fine motor this half term, the children will be focusing on making anti-clockwise movements while mark making, drawing lines and circles and beginning to write own name and taught letters. They will also be consolidating scissor skills and begin to cut straight lines and zig zags.

In gross motor this half term, the children will learn to balance, along with the movements of hopping and jumping. This will incorporate the use of apparatus such as benches. They will learn to use these safely.

Key Dates

Monday 4th November – term begins

Wednesday 13th November – Y2 Rabbits parent lunch

Friday 15th November – Children in Need (wear something spotty/mufti)

Wednesday 27th November – Y2 Foxes parent lunch

Wednesday 4th December – PTA Christmas fayre (wear Christmas jumpers/mufti)

Wednesday 4th December – iRock concert in the hall (2:30pm)

Friday 13th December – PTA Christmas raffle draw

Monday 16th December – sponsored reindeer run for Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice

Wednesday 18th December – YR nativity performance at Frimley Baptist Church (9am)

Thursday 19th December – YR nativity performance at Frimley Baptist Church (9am)

Friday 20th December – Christmas dinner day (wear Christmas jumpers/mufti)

Friday 20th December – end of term (1:10pm collection)

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

This half term the children will be developing their understanding of emotions. They will be looking at the feelings excited and scared alongside a wider range of emotions. The children will also be learning about positive relationships with friends and staff. The children will also be learning the school rules and how to follow them.



Literacy

The children will continue to practise and embed the phonic sounds that they have learnt so far and begin to learn digraphs (two letters that represent one sound e.g. sh, ch).

The children will be exploring Traditional Tales this half term. They will learn the stories through actions and text maps. The children will be using their phonic knowledge to write labels and captions.



Mathematics

The children will explore finding different ways of showing groups of 4 and 5. The children will have lots of opportunities to count confidently from 'one' to 'five', making sure that they count each item once. They will explore the concept of one more and one less, looking at numbers between 1-5. They will also learn the names and properties of the 2D shapes circles and triangles. The children will compare these using mathematical language such as sides and corners.



Understanding the World

This half term the children will be learning more about the seasons as we move into colder weather. The children will also be learning about different celebrations around the world and how these are celebrated in different families.



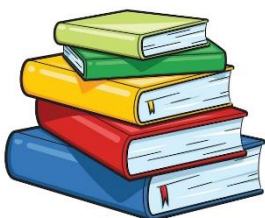
Expressive Arts and Design

This half term the children will be exploring drawings and different materials they can use to create them. We are also making gingerbread men linked to our learning of The Gingerbread Man in talk for writing! Lastly, we will be practising our Christmas songs and performance skills ready for our Nativity performances!



Homework

Thank you for all of your support with helping your child to read at home. Please make sure that they read their decodable book at least four times a week. These books need to be brought back into school every Friday to be changed.



Suggested books for reading

