Autumn 2 Class 4 – The Squirrels



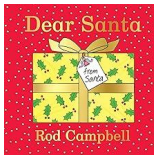
Phonics/English

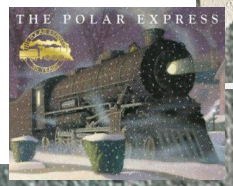
In Reception Phonics, children will begin learning Level 2 sounds, building a strong foundation for early reading. Nursery children will continue focusing on nursery rhymes and developing essential pre-writing skills.

This half term, the children will be enjoying a range of exciting *Drawing Club* adventures inspired by stories and celebrations such as *The Best Diwali Ever*, *Confetti* and *The Polar Express*. Through these engaging themes, the children will develop their comprehension, word reading and writing skills as they create characters, settings and adventures of their own. They will have lots of opportunities to mark make, write words and simple sentences, and use their phonic knowledge to record their ideas. As we move towards Christmas, the children will also be writing their own letters to Santa Claus, encouraging them to use their emerging writing skills for a real-life purpose while sharing their Christmas wishes and ideas.

We are reading…







Important Dates

Children in Need – 13th November
Pantomime Aladdin -4 th December
Nursery/Reception Nativity
Thursday 10th December 2pm
Christmas Lunch 16th December
Party Day 18th December
Polar Express day (Top secret)
Letter and date to follow!

Maths

This half term, children will dive into learning all about numbers up to 5, including skills like finding one more and one less, subitising, recognising, writing, and ordering numbers. We'll wrap up the term by exploring 2D shapes and identifying their properties. Our nursery children will enjoy similar activities with numbers up to 3!

Topic

This half-term, our topic is "Celebrations." Each week, we'll explore different significant events, including Diwali, Remembrance Day, Birthdays, and Christmas. The children will learn key facts about each occasion, including its history, traditions, and significance. Through engaging activities and discussions, they will gain an understanding of why these events are meaningful to different people and how they are celebrated in various ways around the world.

Reminders

Please can you send in 'layers' now for Forest School afternoons as the weather is getting colder. Joggers and fleeces to put under our all-in-ones. Fluffy socks and gloves etc

Please check labels on uniform, especially shoes and jumpers.

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