

Literacy

Topic Texts Include:

'Room on the Broom' 'Whatever Next', 'Aliens Love Underpants' 'The Christmas Story'

- Introducing sounds—b, c, g, h, d, e f, v, k, l, r, u
- Word building, word reading and word writing (Sounds-Write programme)
- Retelling stories and sequencing events
- Introduction to non-fiction texts

Expressive Arts and Design

- Create collaboratively and sharing ideas
- Developing own ideas using various materials
- Developing storylines in play
- Singing in a group and perform to an audience
- Exploring and engage in music making

Mathematics

- Finding out how many objects there are 'altogether'
- Exploring ways to represent numbers to 5
- Comparing two sets – more than, fewer than
- Focusing on the concept of 'wholes' and 'parts'
- Investigating the composition of 3, 4 and 5
- Developing subitising skills

Personal, Social, Emotional Development

- Expressing feelings and consider the feelings of others
- Showing confidence in speaking to others about their own needs, wants, interests and opinions in familiar group
- Showing understanding of the need for safety when tackling new challenges

Understanding the World

- Understanding the past and present through characters and events – Bonfire Night, Guy Fawkes, Neil Armstrong
- Learning about Earth, space and planets
- Naming and describing animals that hibernate
- Understanding the seasonal features of Winter
- Celebrating Diwali, Hanukkah and Christmas



Physical Development.

- Combining different movements with ease and fluency
- Confidently and safely use a range of large and small apparatus indoors and outside, alone and in a group
- Use simple tools to effect changes to materials
- Beginning to form recognisable letters independently

Our Topic **On a Dark, Dark Night**

Communication and Language

- Using language to imagine and recreate roles and experiences in play situations
- Extending vocabulary by grouping
- Engaging in non-fiction books
- Describing events in some detail

Stunning Start

The aliens have landed in Reception! Where have they come from?

Fabulous Finish

Christmas singing performance to parents in school and also to the residents of the Pilgrims View care home in Snodland.

Visits, Visitors and Important Dates

Maths Parent Workshop: Tuesday 31st October

Fire Safety Workshops Year R to Year 6: Wednesday 1st November

Remembrance Day: Friday 10th November

Anti-bullying Week: W/B 13th November

Diabetes Day: Tuesday 14th November

Children in Need: Friday 17th November

Road Safety Week: Monday 20th November

The Dogs Trust Assembly & Workshops: W/B 27th November

Scholastic Book Fayre: Monday 27th – Thursday 30th November

Parent Workshop Reading KS2: Wednesday 29th November

Christmas Fair: Saturday 2nd December

Christmas Jumper Day (Save the Children): Friday 8th December

EYFS Christmas Concert to Parents: Friday 8th December – AM

CRIBS Christmas Performance – Monday 11th December – AM

KS1 Christmas Performance - Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th December at 2pm

How you can help...

We hope that this guide will help you to get further involved in your child's education. You could:

- Read books together and discuss the story.
- Practise holding a pencil correctly.
- Practise name writing.
- Count things in everyday life, e.g. how many spoons are on the table?
- Practise doing coats up. Trying to put some items of clothing on independently when getting dressed in the morning.
- Practise putting shoes on independently.
- Practise using cutlery.

Home Communication

We have an open-door policy in Reception and encourage parents to speak to us regularly. Please wait until all children are dismissed or make an appointment if you wish to discuss something at length.

Facebook: In Year R we complete posts on Facebook throughout each week, sharing the children's learning.