

Hi, we are the Joyful Giraffes and our teacher is Mrs Wood-Stones!



Hi, we are the Terrific Turtles and our teachers are Mrs Anderson and Mr Price!



Hi, we are the Busy Bees and our teacher is Miss Freear!



What are we learning this half term?

Our topics for this half term and how you can help at home:

Our **Christian Value** for this half term is **Forgiveness**. We are learning about what it means to forgive people and we are using stories from the Bible to explore this, for example, Joseph and his multicoloured coat. Our learning muscle for this half term is **Co-operation**. We will be thinking about how we can solve problems together and work as a team. The children will have a fantastic opportunity to stretch this learning muscle in a variety of ways this half term.

Key vocabulary: *forgive, sorry, forgiveness, co-operation, working together, problem, solve, teamwork, parable, Bible.*

We are Safe! is our **Relationships and Health Education (RSHE)** topic for this half term. During our One Life sessions, the children will be encouraged to name and recognise a range of emotions; to use breathing techniques to help regulate our emotions; to respond rather than react to our feelings; to respect ourselves and have boundaries when it comes to our bodies and relationships with others

Key vocabulary: *relationship, emotions, response system, consent, privacy, boundaries, respect, self-awareness*

R.E: Our RE big question this half term is 'Why do Christians perform nativity plays at Christmas?' The children will be sharing their thoughts about our big question during this half term. We will be exploring a range of different celebrations that people take part in around the world. The children will have the opportunity to see how different religions celebrate. We will talk about similarities between the different celebrations as well as the differences. The children particularly enjoyed taking part in our 'Messy Diwali' day and wowed us with how they stretched their learning muscles.

Key vocabulary: *Jesus, nativity, God's Son, Bethlehem, stable, celebrate*

Celebrations: We will be exploring a range of celebrations throughout this half term. We will be taking part in a range of activities to support the children's understanding of celebrations that are important to us and how different cultures may celebrate the same, or different events. We will be finding out about Diwali, birthdays, weddings, Christingle, Advent, and Christmas. We will also visit All Saints Church to understand the importance of this special place for Christians.

Key vocabulary: *celebrate, celebrations, Diwali, wedding, Christingle, Christmas, Advent, differences, similar, birthday*

Advent and Christmas: In the run up to Christmas, the children will be finding out about how people prepare for Christmas. We will be learning the real meaning of Christmas through the Christmas story. We will also perform our Christmas nativity 'The Innkeeper's breakfast'.

Key vocabulary: *Christmas, Church, Bible, Christmas story, three kings, Mary, Joseph, Jesus, Manger, Angel, thankful*

Please use the key vocabulary with your child as often as you can. You might want to investigate what the words meaning using the internet or a dictionary.

Useful website www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english

Little Wandle Letters and Sounds (Revised)

At this early stage of your child's development, we will be helping them to recognise letters of the alphabet by their sound. Lots of practical activities and resources will be used to aid learning, such as flash cards, hidden letters and objects, oral blending and phonics books. Each week we will be focusing on a new group of letter sounds which will be revisited throughout the half term in order to secure understanding. It is important that your child continues to learn these at home through daily wordwall and reading book practise.

This is the order the sounds will be taught in:

ff ll ss j v w x y z zz ch sh th ng nk

Please Return any Library Books on a Monday, Thank you

Remarkable Reading

Reading is an **essential** part of your child's development. Children immediately gain a sense of pride when achieving their reading books and working on their blending skills. Please support your child in reading their wordwall and books regularly at home.

Please don't forget to write a short comment in your child's orange reading record book.

If you would like to volunteer and listen to children read in Foundation Stage, please speak to your child's class teacher. Thank you.



Home Newsletter



Dear Parents/ Carers,

We hope you and your child enjoyed the half term break and are ready to begin a busy and action-packed time back in school. We would like to take this opportunity to say a very big thank you for all of your help and support in settling your child into Foundation Stage. It is lovely to see the progress the children have made so far and we are looking forward to helping them progress and reach their full potential. Remember our Foundation Stage staff are always available to offer a helping hand!

P.E.

This half term the children are developing their agility, balance and coordination through our PE sessions. The children will be learning a range of skills and will be working on using a variety of apparatus. They will be moving their bodies in a range of ways and strengthening their muscles and core strength. The children will also be thinking about how their bodies feel before, during and after exercise and taking part in a range of warm up and cool down exercises.

Please can you ensure that your child brings their PE kit on their PE day - Monday Giraffes, Tuesday Turtles and Thursday Bees. Please ensure that all PE kit, outer clothing and trainers are named to ensure that items of clothing are not lost. Also, if your child has long hair please ensure it is tied back and please remove earrings on PE days. The weather is getting colder please can you make sure that a pair of **plain navy joggers** are included in their PE bag, Thank you

NAMING

Please take the time to check that your child's school uniform, including school coat, shoes and PE kit, are **clearly labelled with your child's full name**. A permanent marker will definitely do the trick. **Thank you**

It's Freezing!

Please can you provide your child with suitable winter attire, including a warm coat, hat, scarf and gloves. **Please remember to clearly label all items with your child's name.**

The outdoors is an important part of our Foundation Stage curriculum and we cannot miss the opportunity to experience different weather conditions.

Marvellous Maths

We will be exploring the numbers 1,2,3 and 4 during this half term. We will be using our 'fast eyes' to subitise different amounts without counting. We will be investigating how we represent different numbers and how we can combine numbers together. We will also be using Numicon, tens frames and other counting resources to support our maths skills this half term. We will be exploring when we have 'more' 'fewer' or an 'equal' amount and discussing what we know about a given number. We will also be spotting numerals in the environment, ordering numbers and forming our numerals using our number rhymes to help.

You can support your child at home by spotting numbers in the environment, counting and sorting objects, playing board games and discussing numbers using 'more' 'fewer' and 'equal'. Thank you for your ongoing support.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 18th November: Parent phonics drop in sessions (9am) more information to follow

Thursday 28th November: The Turtles will be leading collective worship (9am in the school hall)

Thursday 5th December: The Bees will be leading collective worship (9am in the school hall)

Friday 6th December: Parent and child hygge event (more information to follow)

Friday 13th December: Christmas jumper and Christmas dinner day
Upper Foundation Stage nativity (10am in church)

Wednesday 18th December: Upper Foundation Stage Christmas party

Thursday 19th December: Christmas Den Day

Friday 20th December: School closes for Christmas at 2pm

Water Bottles

Please can we remind you that **only still water** should be put into water bottles. **No juice or flavoured water please. Thank you.**

Please feel free to come and see us at the end of any school day. Our classroom doors are always open!

A big thank you to everyone!

Mrs Wood-Stones, Mrs Anderson, Mr Price, Miss Freear and the Foundation Team.