



The Wonderful Whales News

By Miss Dutton and Miss Davies

Autumn 2 Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back after the half term break. I hope you managed to enjoy some of the late Autumn sunshine and spend time together as a family. It was lovely to see so many of you at our recent pupil progress meetings and as always, I am here to support you and your child in any way. The children have quickly settled back down to their learning and we are looking forward to a busy, exciting half term. Please see the other side of this letter to read more about our current learning.

Many thanks,

Miss Dutton

Reading

You will have seen that your child has been coming home with some phonics home learning. This will continue to be sent out every Friday and is to help you to support your child at home with their phonics. Their home learning sheet includes the sounds they have been taught that week in their phonics sessions and some words containing those sounds (as well as sentences). Please support your child to practise saying the sounds they have learned and then applying them to the words using our school reading routine: **Spot it** (spot the sound eg: ay), **segment it** (sound it out, saying all of the sounds eg: t-r-ay), **read the word** (blend all of the sounds together to read the word). If you would like any further support on how to support your child with their phonics, please come and see me and I will be happy to help you or, if you are free to attend our phonics drop ins next Monday you can see this for yourself.

Physical Education

This half term, Year 1 PE sessions will be taking place on a Thursday and Friday. Children will need their PE kit in school on these days but it is best to leave this in school all week in case of last minute changes. Please ensure all items are labelled with your child's name so that any lost items can be easily returned. Whilst the weather is still fine, we may go outside for some of our sessions. Therefore, we are happy for children to have a pair of black jogging bottoms and a hooded top to keep them warm.

Forgiveness

Our Christian value for this term is 'Forgiveness'. We will be thinking about what it means to forgive and the importance of forgiveness. Using key stories from the Bible, such as 'Jacob and his Twelve Sons' we will consider what these stories tell us about forgiveness and what they teach us about God.



Dates for your diary:

- * Friday 22nd November: Year 1 phonics drop ins for parents
- * Friday 29th November: Children will take part in decorating the Christmas tree as a school family.
- * Wednesday 4th December: Year 1 children will be attending the Normanton Town Council Christmas party.
- * Thursday 12th December: Year 1 Nativity in Church at 10am.
- * Friday 13th December: Christmas jumper day and Christmas dinner day.
- * Tuesday 17th December: Year 1 Christmas party in the afternoon.
- * Friday 20th December: Our Year 2 Spanish club will be leading a Spanish Nativity in Church at 9:15 am and school closes at 2pm for the Christmas holidays.
- *TBC by text message: The Wonderful Whales class worship.

Uniform

We are beginning to build up a collection of school jumpers and cardigans in the Whales classroom. These are all without names inside, so if you are missing any uniform, please come and have a look.