



Foundation Stage



Tadpole Class

The main focus of this half term will be **Autumn changes and seasonal celebrations.**

Why do squirrels hide their nuts? is the title of our topic during the autumn term. We will be going on an autumn walk, looking for changes in nature, thinking about what happens to trees and plants as well as considering how the animals that live near and around Broughton Astley prepare for a cold winter. We will learn what is meant by the terms hibernation and migration and will help the animals that live in our playground by making feeders for them.



During the autumn and winter term a number of celebration also take place which we will enjoy exploring together.



To celebrate harvest we will be thinking about foods that we grow in our gardens and on farms. We will be taking about a healthy diet and the different types of food that we eat. We will also be sharing stories about harvest including The Little Red Hen. Linked to this work we will be making some of our own bread as well as using harvest vegetables to make our own soup.

This year Diwali is celebrated on the 27th October. We will be considering how people around the world celebrate Diwali, sharing traditional stories such as the story of Rama and Sita and creating a range of beautiful art work such as clay divas, rangoli patterns and making traditional Indian sweets.



We will also be considering Bonfire Night and Halloween celebrations. As a class we will be sharing how we might celebrate at home, taking about how we might dress up and have parties as well as considering why we remember Guy Fawkes and have fireworks and bonfires on the 5th November.



Around 11th November we will also be thinking about the importance of Remembrance day and symbols that we use to help us remember soldiers who have died in the past and still help us today.

Nearer Christmas we will be enjoying a range of festive fun including creating decorations, learning about Christmas traditions and sharing the nativity story. We will also be working very hard on performing a Christmas Nativity which all parent will be invited to watch during December.



Important Dates and Information

Monday 21st October	New term starts.
Tuesday 22nd October	Parents Evening (individual appointments sent out) 3.30pm until 7pm
Wednesday 23rd October	Parents Evening (individual appointments sent out) 3.30m until 6.00pm
Monday 28th October	School photographs .The photographer will be at school to take individual school photos at well as photos with siblings in school.
Wednesday 30th October	School Discos 4.15pm-5.15pm (more details to follow)
WC 11th November	Anti bullying week. All children in school will be involved in anti bullying activities and discussions, promoting shring, taking turns and kind and respectful behaviour
Friday 15th November	Children in Need. Fund raising activity to be sent out nearer the time.
Monday 9th December	EYFS flu Vaccinations (letter to follow)
Thursday 12th December	Performance to parents of our Christmas Show. Letters regarding these performances, including tickets will be sent out closer to the time.
Friday 13th December	Performance to parents of our Christmas Show. Letters regarding this performance, including tickets will be sent out closer to the time.
Friday 13th December	Whole school Christmas dinner (more details to follow) and Christmas Jumper Day
Monday 10^h December	All children are invited to attend a Christmas pantomime (more details to follow)
Friday 20th December	Children break up for Christmas holidays at the end of the school day
Tuesday 7th January	Children to return to school for the start of the Spring term

After the Christmas break our new topic will be **Starry Night**

Look out in the weekly This Week at School letters in your child's Home School Link Books for further information about these topics.