

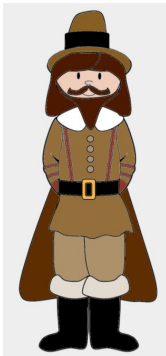
Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you have had a restful break after a very busy half term. We have been amazed with the progress all the children made and how well they all settled into life at Baildon C of E. We would like to thank you all for all your support last half term. We had a fantastic first half term and we cannot wait to get started on this half term, especially as we approach the Christmas season.



**Routines:** PE days are going to be on a Tuesday and Wednesday, so please make sure your child has a named PE kit in school on these days. We will continue to read weekly with your child and will issue new reading books, library books and homework on a Wednesday. Please can you insure that your child returns their bag to school on Monday so we can ensure the books can be placed in a quarantined area before we can reissue them.

**Prime Areas:** This half term, our focus is celebrations and traditions. We will be encouraging the children to discuss their own family celebrations and traditions to support the development of their communication, language and listening skills.



**RE:** To finish our previous topic, please can the children bring in a photograph of themselves as a baby. We will try and guess the baby! Our RE topic for the rest of the term will link to celebrations and traditions, especially as we look at Christmas. We look at the real meaning behind Christmas, Advent and Christingle and look at the celebrations and traditions in other countries.

**English:** In English we are moving onto Phase 3 phonics. We will be looking at the digraph sounds, which are two letters that make one sound. For example /sh/ /ch/ /ng/. We will also explore non-fiction texts about Bonfire night, the story of Diwali and the Christmas story.

**Maths:** In Mathematics, we will continue to explore numbers up to 5. We will explore addition and subtraction of numbers and different ways we can make 5. We will continue to use models and images to support the children's understanding of number. We will look at part-part-whole models and tens frames. We will continue to model vocabulary linked to size and measures. We will also continue to explore shape.

**Understanding the World:** As the seasons continue to change, we will observe how our local environment has changed. We will explore light and dark as well as linking our celebrations topic, exploring traditions.

**Expressive Arts and Design:** We will enjoy a range of Bonfire Night, Remembrance Day, Diwali and Christmas crafts. We will also look in more detail at the artist Vincent Van Gogh and his 'Starry Night' painting.

**Homework:** We will continue to send out work to support your child at home. This will also inform you of the sounds we are looking at each week and our topic.

Partnership with parents is a key aspect of our Early Years Curriculum, so members of the Reception team will be out on the playground each morning if you need to speak to us. We will also always be available to email through the school office, so do not hesitate to get in touch. Miss Perry is in school Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and Mrs Morgan is in school Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Thank you for your continued support,

Miss Perry and Mrs Morgan