

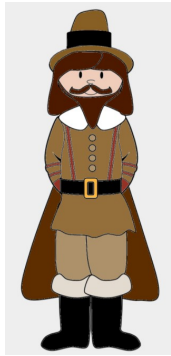
Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you have had a restful break after a very busy half term. We have been amazed with the progress all the children have made and how well they have all settled into life at Baidon 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 will continue to be on a Wednesday for RM and Thursday for RPM. The PE focus this term will be on ball skills. Please ensure your child comes to school dressed in their PE kit on PE days. . We will continue to read weekly with your child and we will issue new reading books. Please can you help your child to remember their book bag each day.

**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:** Our RE topic for the term will link to celebrations and traditions, especially as we look at Christmas. We will look at the real meaning behind Christmas, Advent and Christingle and look at the celebrations and traditions in other countries.

**English:** In English we will continue to follow the Little Wandle Revised Letters and Sounds planning. 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.

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 please do not hesitate to get in touch. Mrs McCaul is in school all week, 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,

Mrs McCaul, Miss Perry and Mrs Morgan