Elephant Class Newsletter - Autumn 2

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you all have a wonderful half-term break. We wanted to share some information about the exciting learning and activities planned for **Autumn 2** so that you know what your child will be exploring when they return to school.

Our Learning This Half Term

This half term, we will explore a range of stories, including:

- *Christopher Pumpkin*
- *I Don't Like Peas*
- *Elmer*
- *Bagpuss*
- *The Christmas Pine*

Through these books, the children will develop their communication, language and literacy skills by retelling events, acting out stories and describing characters and settings. We will also enjoy Christmas writing activities, giving children opportunities to practise their developing writing skills.

In **Phonics**, we will continue learning new sounds and practising blending and segmenting skills to support reading and writing. Please continue to read regularly with your child at home and celebrate all of their reading successes.

In **Mathematics**, we will be developing our understanding of number, counting, comparing amounts, patterns and shape through practical and engaging activities.

In **Art**, we will look at the work of **Yayoi Kusama**, exploring dots, colour and pattern. We will also enjoy Christmas craft activities.

We will learn about **Bonfire Night, Remembrance, Diwali** and **Christmas**, exploring their meaning and the ways people mark these occasions. These activities will help children develop their understanding of the world around them.

Nativity Preparations

One of the highlights of Autumn 2 is always our Christmas Nativity. We will begin learning songs, practising actions and preparing for our performance very soon after we return. The children always enjoy taking part and we look forward to sharing this special event with you. More information about costumes and performance dates will follow later in the term.

Reading

Reading is one of the most important things you can do to support your child's learning.

Book Change Day

Monday- Red Team

Tuesday – Green Team

Wednesday- Yellow Team

Thursday – Blue Team.

PE

PE will take place every **Thursday morning** and our focus this half term will be **Fitness**.

Please make sure:

- PE kits are in school for the whole half term.
- All items of clothing are clearly named.
- PE bags are kept on your child's peg.

Having named kit in school helps us to make sure that all children can take part fully in lessons.

Looking Ahead

Autumn 2 is always a very busy and exciting half term filled with learning, celebrations and festive activities. We are looking forward to helping the children grow in confidence, develop new skills and create lots of special memories together.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We can't wait to welcome the children back for another fantastic half term in Elephant Class!

Best wishes,

Mrs Simmons and the Elephant Class Team 🐘🍂✨