

Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you for preparing your children for Nursery we are extremely excited to be moving into the second half of the Autumn term.

During this term we will continue to settle your children into the routine of Nursery. In addition, we will be looking at the festival of Diwali, Halloween, Bonfire Night, Remembrance Sunday and Christmas.

Our focus for this term will be **Leadership and Belonging** and we will encourage the children to take pride in their work and we will be displaying their efforts within the classroom.

Reading

Reading in Early Years is very important and we have selected some fun stories to share with your children – **Room on the Broom, Owl Babies, Little Red Elf, Peace at Last and Panda Bear, Panda Bear What do you See? and Mogs Christmas.**

We will also be sending home reading books. There will be a picture book from the Oxford Reading Tree series for you to discuss the pictures with your child and predict what might happen, and a choosing book for you to read to your child. We would be grateful if you could read with your child every day and make a comment in their Reading Journal. This will help us know if your child enjoyed the book and you can include some of the comments they have made about the stories.

Topic

The topic this term is '**Seasons and Festivals**' and we are learning about the changes we see during Autumn. We will also be looking at the festivals of Diwali and Christmas. We are always delighted to see photos of the children celebrating their respective festivals and if you have any photos that you'd like to share with us for your child's Learning Journal we would love to include them. Please e-mail them to the school office office@oriel-aspirations.org or post on our Google Classroom.

Maths

We will learn to recognise the numbers 1 to 10 and begin to use them in everyday situations. We will be singing a range of number songs including '1,2,3,4,5 Once I Caught a Fish Alive' and 'Five Little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed'.

Understanding the World:

We will discuss experiences both at home and in school including Diwali, Halloween, Remembrance Day and Christmas.

Expressive Art and Design:

The children will be given the opportunity to create pictures and explore their creative skills including:

- Halloween drawings, paintings, music
- Firework paintings, drawing
- Poppies
- Musical instruments

Physical Development:

The children will be given a range of activities to promote pencil control and mark making, moving onto tracing their name. They will also be encouraged to take responsibility for their own personal hygiene. We learn in the outside area every day and it is most important that your child brings a coat to school daily - it would be most helpful if you could encourage your child to learn to put on their own coat.

Personal, Social, Emotional Development:

We will be talking about our own festivals and how to keep ourselves safe on Bonfire night.

Attendance is crucial for children to make good progress this coming year. If your child is absent please ensure that you ring the school by 11.30 am to inform us of absence. An email must also be sent explaining your child's absence on their return to school.

Thank you for providing a water bottle, please could we ask that you name everything belonging to your child, including their coat, water bottle and school bag.

We are happy to discuss any concerns, questions or problems, please email us via the school office, office@oriel-aspirations.org or telephone the school.
Thank you for all of your support.

The Nursery Team

Mrs Wilden and Ms Wise