



Elliott Park School
Newsletter

Class:	Sunbeams (Reception)	Term:	2
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Dear Parents,

I hope you have had an enjoyable half term holiday and I am pleased to be welcoming you back for another busy term! As we move forward into Term 2, I have high expectations for your child and will continue to nurture and encourage them as they move forward on their learning journey.

Our main topic this term is 'Winter Celebrations' and we will be looking at themes including Halloween, Bonfire Night, Diwali and Christmas. In English we will be using our topic of Winter Celebrations to look at stories involving these events. These will involve role play and thinking about different characters and endings together with general comprehension skills. We will begin to work on reading and writing simple words using our phonic knowledge to date.

The topics I aim to cover in Maths are: - measurement – length and height, revision of 2D shape as well as introducing 3D shape, money and time – learning about our daily routine as well as days of the week. There will also be some revision lessons towards the end of term to revise and assess what the children have learnt. At the beginning of each maths session we will continue to count forwards and back from a given number using a 100 square to aid recognition of numerals and also to practice number formation on whiteboards.

Our daily phonics sessions will continue with the children deepening their knowledge of phase 2 phonemes together with practising their blending and segmenting skills needed for reading and spelling. Any further practise at home in this area will prove especially beneficial for your child.

During our ICT sessions with Mr Roberts, the children will continue to learn how to move objects using an iPad programme as well as following a sequence of instructions. They will also be encouraged to think about the various items that use technology both at home and school.

As the weather continues to get colder please ensure your child has a school coat. Obviously, the school cap/hat is the correct uniform to be worn when coming to and from school but if you wish your child to wear a hat/gloves for playtimes and outdoor sessions, please put these in their school bag. Can I also respectfully ask that all your child's uniform and PE kit are suitably named. If the weather is fine we do go outside for PE so could you ensure your child has suitable winter PE kit please as well as a pair of socks for girls if they are wearing tights that day.

Homework – children will generally, although not always get one piece of homework at the weekend to revisit or consolidate the work we have done in class. Please do write in the homework diary should there be any messages that you wish to convey to me.

Finally, as always, if you have any queries or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for your continued support.

Here are some important dates for your diary:

- Poppy appeal items will be on sale in Year R for 2 weeks. Children will be able to purchase poppy themed items such as wristbands and bracelets ranging from 50p to £2 donations.
- Class and individual photographs will be taken on Thursday 5th November in the afternoon. Full winter uniform to be worn, please.
- Children in Need: We will be holding a non-uniform day on Friday 13th November with a spotty theme, donations for wearing non-uniform £2.

Mrs C. Pierpoint