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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are excited to share what your child will be learning during the Autumn 2 term in Reception.

This term is packed with fun, creativity, and new discoveries!

Literacy

This half term, we will be introducing **Drawing Club**. Drawing Club is a fun and imaginative approach to early literacy that helps children develop their speaking, listening, drawing and early writing skills. Through exciting stories, picture books and adventures, children create their own drawings and ideas before adding marks, letters, words or sentences at their own level. Drawing Club encourages creativity, builds vocabulary, develops confidence in communication and supports children in becoming enthusiastic readers and writers.

Our Drawing Club stimuli this half term will be:

- *The Naughty Bus* by Jan Oke
- *Thomas & Friends: Thomas Gets Stuck*
- *The Jolly Christmas Postman* by Allan and Janet Ahlberg
- *Father Christmas* by Raymond Briggs

Communication and Language

We will continue with **Sounds Write** phonics sessions to develop listening, speaking, and early reading skills.

This half term sees us learning the following new sounds: **f, v, d, e, j, w, z, x, y, ll, ss, zz**

Mathematics

This term, we will be building strong foundations in number and shape through hands-on activities and games.

Our focus areas include:

- **Circles and Triangles**
  We will identify and name circles and triangles, compare their features, and look for these shapes in our environment. Children will also use positional language to describe where objects are found.
- **1, 2, 3, 4, 5**
  Building on earlier learning, children will represent numbers up to 5, practise subitising, and explore the composition of numbers (how numbers can be made in different ways). They will continue to work with one more and one less.

- **Shapes with Four Sides**
  Children will identify and name shapes with four sides, combine them to make new shapes, and hunt for these shapes in everyday surroundings.

Through these activities, children will develop confidence in counting, recognising numbers, and understanding shapes—all in a fun and practical way!

Understanding the World

Our topic is **Transport: Past and Present**. We will learn about different types of transport, road safety, and how people travel in different cultures (e.g., gondolas in Venice, tuk-tuks in Bangkok).





We will also celebrate special events such as:

- **Christmas and Advent**
- **The Nativity**
- **Hannukah**
- **Bonfire Night**
- **Remembrance Day**





Expressive Arts and Design

Children will enjoy creative activities such as:

- Biscuit making and decorating
- Art projects linked to transport and festive celebrations
- Nativity music

We look forward to a fun and busy term ahead! Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

Miss Stratton

EYFS Teacher, Assistant Designated Safeguarding Lead, Phonics Lead, RSHE Lead