



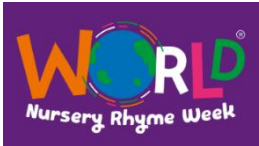
FS2 Newsletter October 2025



We have had a fantastic start to the school year! The children have settled; they have learnt all the routines of our day and they are coming into school smiling – well done Saplings and Seedlings. Over the half term holiday, we would like to encourage all children to continue to enjoy their reading books. We wish you all a fun and relaxing week.

Information and focus for Autumn term 2:

Communication and language	Personal, social and emotional development	Physical development
All children listen and stay focused in whole class discussions. They are starting to follow simple 1 and 2 step instructions and they can start a conversation with a familiar adult. We would encourage you to play small games at home, to support listening and turn taking.	Children can identify their own emotions and name them. They are starting to do things themselves including putting on their coat and they are becoming more skilled in using buttons and zips.	In gymnastic lessons, all children are developing their overall strength in balance and agility. Children continue to develop their fine motor skills, holding a pencil correctly to form known individual letters. They are starting to write their own names.
Literacy	Mathematics	Understanding the world
During phonics, we will continue to learn and revise Level 1+ individual letter sounds: s,a,t,p,i,n,m,d,g,o,c,k,ck,e,u,r,h,b,f,ff,l,ll,le,ss Children are encouraged to start to blend simple words to read. In Drawing club, we will read a new story each week, discussing the main characters and settings. Children have more control when making marks and drawing.	In maths, we will name and identify circles, triangles and shapes with 4 sides. We will explore shapes in our environment. We will subitise and represent numbers to 5. Children will explore 1 more and 1 less.	We will talk about key historical events including Bonfire night and Remembrance Day. In RE, we will learn about the Christmas story and visit our local church. Forest adventures, will focus on the season Autumn and the changes in the weather. We will make bird feeders and build dens.
Expressive arts and design	Celebrations include: Bonfire Night	Remembrance Day
Our art project focuses on the artist Mondrian. We will learn about primary colours red, blue and yellow and experiment mixing colours. Children will learn actions and poems every week from Poetry basket ready to perform to parents in our Christmas performance.	Wednesday 5 th November. We will learn about Bonfire night and firework safety. 	Tuesday 11 th November In Foundation, we learn about the importance of Remembrance Day. The children will make poppies which will be displayed at the front of the school. 

Nursery rhyme week	Church visit	Christmas performance
Monday 10th – 14th November This year, we will be celebrating nursery rhyme week. Every day we will be learning a new nursery rhyme ready to perform in class.  https://www.worldnurseryrhymeweek.com/	Tuesday 9th December 10am The children will be walking to St Mary's church in Shaw-cum-Donnington.  We will listen to the Christmas Story and learn why this is important to Christians. If you are free, to help walk the children to church, could you please let your class teacher know.	Thursday 4th December at 2pm More info to follow 
Smile stay and play session	Christmas celebration dates	
Tuesday 16th December 1:45-3pm Maths will be the focus of this session. There will be lots of maths activities for you and your children to explore together.	• Christmas Panto experience in school – Wednesday 3rd December • Christmas Fayre – Friday 5th December 3:15pm • Christmas jumper day – Wednesday 17th December • Christmas lunch – Wednesday 17th December • FS Christmas party – Friday 12th December • School finishes – Friday 19th December 12:05pm	

