

EYFS: Autumn Term 2 2020
Curriculum Information – **Why do we celebrate?**



Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope your children have enjoyed their first term at Danemill as much as we have loved welcoming them! This term in EYFS our topic is 'Celebrations' and seasonal changes. Our key question is 'Why do we celebrate?'. We have decided on this topic based on several celebrations that will be taking place this term including Halloween, Bonfire Night, Diwali, and Christmas! It will certainly be a fun-packed half term, full of celebrations!

To remind everyone:

- **Reading book bags** should be brought into school **every day**. Please read with your child or encourage your child to read independently if they prefer. Please continue to encourage discussions about what is happening in the story as this gives the children opportunity to talk about the characters and the environment/setting. We aim to change books weekly. Due to the current guidelines, when a child returns a book to school, it will remain in a lidded box for a quarantine period of 72 hours before being put back into the library. Some children will start to get reading books with simple CVC words.
- Your child will continue to come to school in their PE kit on the days that they have PE, which is a **Friday for EYFS**. Please ensure that they have appropriate clothing as they do go out in all weathers (shorts, tracksuit bottoms, jumper, t-shirt, trainers and socks). **All items of uniform and PE kit must be named. Children are not allowed to wear jewellery at school and please remove your child's earrings on PE days.** Furthermore, we also have an allocated time for Forest School, and for both EYFS classes, this will be a Wednesday afternoon. Please ensure that your child brings wellington boots, to be kept at school if possible, which are suitable for the forest school environment. They will also need a waterproof coat during the colder months.

The different areas we will be covering this term are:

Writing	We will be learning to write initial sounds in words independently, simple CVC words and then move on to captions. We will be learning to form our letters correctly using the 'Read Write Inc' rhymes (we will model these on our Team. We will practice using the correct pencil grip (nip, flip, grip)).
Reading/Phonics	We will continue to learn and practice Phase 2 phonics, before moving on to Phase 3. Please continue to practice these sounds at home with your children. In addition, please continue to practice reading and writing the Phase 2 tricky words. The books that we will be sharing at this term include: Pumpkin Soup – Helen Cooper Room on the Broom –Julia Donaldson Winnie the witch- Valerie Thomas and Korky Paul

	<p>Sparks in the Sky – Twinkl Rama and Sita – Doyle The storm whale in winter – Benji Davies Stick Man – Julia Donaldson The Christmas Story</p> <p>We will also be celebrating 'World Nursery Rhyme week' (16th- 20th November) if you want to get involved please encourage your child to share their favourite nursery rhyme on Tapestry for us to share with the class. Or explore this link https://www.worldnurseryrhymeweek.com/</p>
Maths	We will be looking at numbers and change within 5, including one more and one less.
Understanding the World	We will be looking at a variety of celebrations that take place during Autumn including Halloween, Diwali, Bonfire Night and Christmas!
Communication and Language	<p>We will continue to work to our early learning goal which states that our children should:</p> <p>Sustain attentive listening, respond to what they have heard with relevant comments, questions or actions.</p> <p>Maintain attention, concentrate and sit quietly when appropriate.</p> <p>Two-channelled attention – listen and do for short spans.</p> <p>Integrated attention – listen and do in range of situations with range of people; varying according to the demands of the task.</p>
Expressive Arts and Design	Our children will be creating autumn themed collages, firework paintings, Diwali art/clay diva lamps and exploring colour. We will be listening to music linked to our themes.
Personal, Social and Emotional	Our topics are 'Beginning and Belonging' and 'Family and Friends'.
Physical	We will be developing our fine and gross motor skills through games in our PE sessions as well as our large physical play equipment in the setting.
Enrichment	We will be taking the children on Autumn walk and hopefully making chocolate apples for Bonfire Night.

Things that you could do at home:

- Learn to write your first name
- Practise your letter formation
- Collect autumnal objects and recognise what these are
- Discuss the changing of the seasons
- Learn about Bonfire Night and Guy Fawkes
- Learn about Diwali, the Festival of Lights
- Understand the Christmas story

Here are a few resources that may help to support your child's learning during this half term.

BBC iPlayer

Numberblocks - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episodes/p075jwc2/numbersongs>

Alphablocks - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episodes/b0lcz0pl/alphablocks>

YouTube

Jolly Phonics - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=po5FZltkFVI>

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