



## RL Roundup- 12.11.21

The first half term has passed by in the blink of an eye! It has been wonderful to see the children back in school, learning and having fun with their friends. Whilst we know we are not out of the woods yet, and Bolton have only at the end of the half term advised school's to taken heightened measures to fight against infection, it has been great to have all children in school without the constant worry of bubble closures! We thank parents for their continued vigilance in relation to testing and ensuring school is informed promptly when there is a positive test result in your households and we encourage you to continue to do this. You will be pleased to hear that we do plan to continue with many of our Christmas activities, albeit with heightened safety measures. Please see the "Dates for your diary" section to check when your child will be involved with these. Invites for these events will be coming out in the coming weeks.



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## General Updates



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*You should have received a letter about **Parent Conferences** next week. If you haven't please do ask your child's teacher about another letter. We are doing a mix of face to face sessions and over the phone and are offering a later night until 5.30pm to accommodate working parents. If this time isn't suitable, we are happy to arrange a phone consultation at a time to suit you.*

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At the end of last half term, a number of staff are left us. Mrs Wrigley, who leads Out of School Club, has now retired and is looking forward to spending times with her grandchildren and holidaying in sunnier climates! Mrs Gregory has finished for a period of maternity leave - we wish her well and look forward to welcoming her back in the future. Any SEN enquiries can now be sent for the attention of Miss Yapp. Miss Cohen in Year 2 has moved on to new ventures and Ms Westwell and Mrs Fisher have taken over in this class. Mr Brown has been appointed to Year 3 to work alongside Miss Yapp in this year group.

### **\*\*ACCELERATED READER\***

Your child may also have told you about how we use Accelerated Reader in school? AR is a computer program that helps teachers manage and monitor children's independent reading practice. Your child picks a book at his or her own level and reads it at their own pace. When finished, your child takes a short quiz on the computer. (Passing the quiz is an indication that your child understood what was read.) Accelerated Reader gives children and teachers feedback based on the quiz results, which the teacher then uses to help your child set goals and direct ongoing reading practice. <https://www.renaissance.com/2016/09/09/parents-guide-renaissance-accelerated-reader-360/>

You should either tonight or in the coming days receive an leaflet outlining our school's **attendance procedures**. The government have stated that from September 2020 all children must return to school, so as to minimise the longer-term impact of the pandemic on your children's education,

wellbeing and wider development. Missing out on more time in the classroom will put your child at risk of falling further behind. Children with higher overall absence tend to achieve less well in both primary and secondary school. Schools and the Education Welfare Team will be working with families to secure regular school attendance from the start of the autumn term so as to help pupils catch up on missed education, make progress and promote their wellbeing and wider development. School attendance has therefore been mandatory again from the beginning of the autumn term – September 2020. This means that the usual rules on compulsory school attendance apply.

In order to promote high levels of attendance, we have talked with the school council about how to reward good attendance and punctuality. So.....

Each week, any class who scores 96% or above for their class attendance will get an extra play time. This is announced in Friday's star assembly and you will get a text to inform you if your child's class wins this.

Class Dojo Update! We have been informed that some parents are paying for class dojo. Please do NOT do this! The version we use is free and if you scan the QR code given to you it should prompt you to use the correct version of the application. If you are paying for this we urge you to cancel it immediately.

Also, we are using Class Dojo more and more to communicate with parents and for remote teaching. If you do not have the app yet please ask your child's teacher for another invite and we can set you up straight away.

Also, based on feedback from parents and pupils, we have changed the way we do our 100% attendance half termly and termly rewards. Each week, any child who is on time and in school each day will have their names entered into a raffle. This raffle will be built up over the half term and on the last day will be drawn. The more, your child is in school and on time, the more raffle tickets they will get! But it does mean that an odd absence or a medical appointment won't affect their whole half term or term.

### **Remembrance Day**

On Thursday the whole school took part in a 2 minute silence to honour the armed forces who have fallen in the line of duty. The children have also talked about why this day is so important and have even created some of their own poppies which can be seen on our Twitter page. We have also created our own Remembrance Artwork which can be viewed in the Main Office.





## Dates for your diary



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📅 Week beginning 15th November - parents conference.

📅 Friday 26th November - Non uniform day (KS1 bottles & KS2 chocolate).

📅 Thursday 2nd December - Non uniform day (coloured items for hampers, more info to follow).

📅 Tuesday 7th & Wednesday 8th December @ 2:30pm - Reception Christmas Play (more info to follow).

📅 Thursday 9th December AM & PM - Nursery Christmas sing a long (more info to follow).

📅 Friday 10th December - Christmas jumper day.

📅 Tuesday 14th & Wednesday 15th December @ 2:30pm - KS1 Christmas play (more info to follow).

📅 Monday 20th December - KS2 Christmas dinner day.

☒Monday 20th December @ 2:30pm - Y4/6 carol concert (more info to follow).

☒Tuesday 21st December - KS1 & EYFS Christmas dinner day.

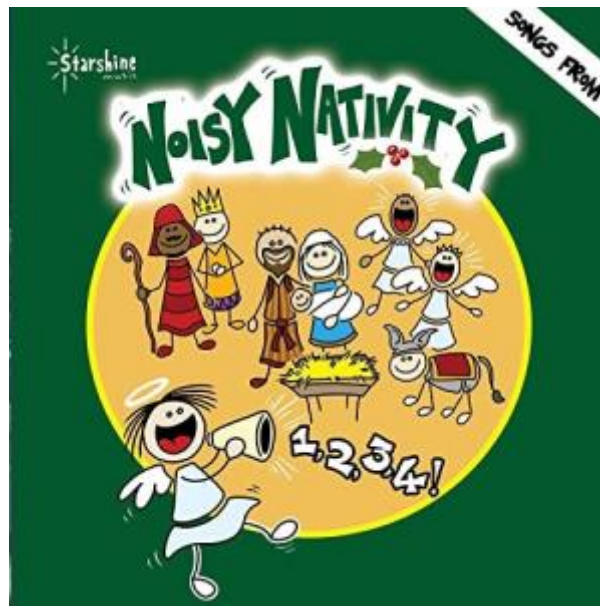
☒Tuesday 21st December @ 2:30pm - Y3/5 carol concert (more info to follow).

☒Wednesday 22nd December - Non uniform Christmas party day, school will close at 1:30pm!

## Early Years and Reception



This term in Early Years the children are learning all about festivals. This week we have focused on Divali, the Hindu festival of light. We have told the story of Rama and Sita and looked at a variety of non fiction books too. EYFS are also busy preparing for our Christmas Nativities! Nursery will be having their own Christmas sing-a-long where the children will sing traditional Christmas songs for their parents. Reception are busy preparing for their nativity called "a noisy nativity!" We can't wait to share it with you! Look out for the nativity letters coming out in the coming weeks. Finally, can I ask that all parents and carers check their child's hair for nits. We have had a few reports from parents. Thank you for your ongoing support. Miss Marshall, EYFS Lead.



### Under 3s and Nursery

Under 3s have been busy exploring their classroom and outdoor area. We have been listening to the Diwali story and talking about bonfire safety. We have completed lots of activities with colour and shape and really enjoyed colour mixing using our hands. We've had lots of practise using our fine motor skills to sprinkle sequins.




In Nursery we have been talking about Halloween, Bonfire night and Diwali. We have also been learning about 2D shapes. To start off our topic we had a Halloween party. We made headbands and talked about our favourite Halloween food. We made pumpkins using 2D shapes and have also made a 2D shape picture. We made fireworks on Bonfire night. We have had great fun outside making potions by mixing different coloured paints together. It got very messy! We have made Diya lamps to celebrate Diwali and have talked about the different cultures. The children have enjoyed listening to Meg and Mog books. They have been using their imagination by dressing up as witches and by making spells.

### Reception

This week Reception parents were invited to a parent workshop all about phonics. It was lovely to see so many of you. The children have been busy learning their phonics and it is really important that the children can recognise the set 1 sounds from memory. Please practise reading the sounds with your child. In our Parent Conferences next week we will be providing some flash cards to all families. There is also a guide to help parents with the pronunciation of sounds on Oxford Owl. You can find a link to Oxford Owl below, which provides parents with a wealth of information about how to support your child with their phonics at home. Please speak to your child's teacher for any further information.

<https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/reading/learn-to-read-phonics/>

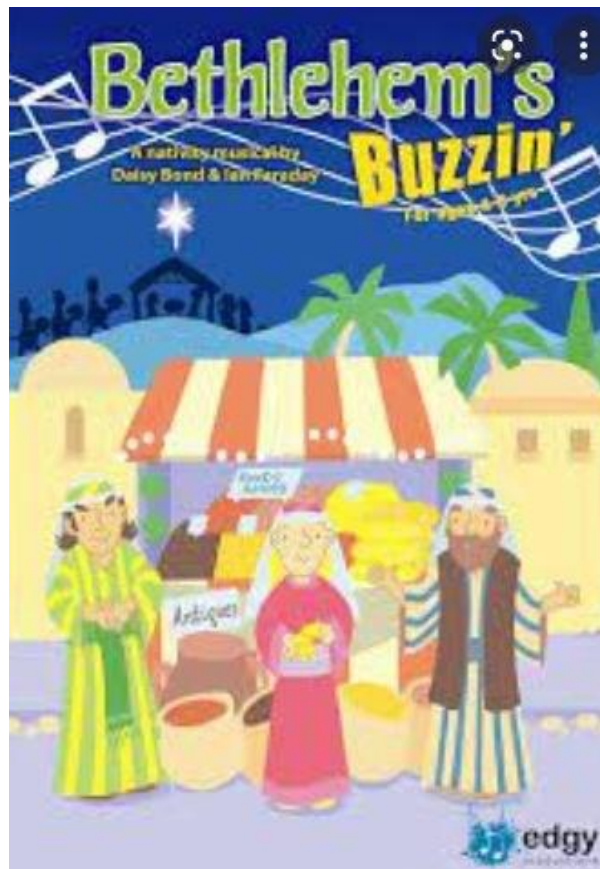
Speed Sounds Set 1

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i 	n 	p 	g 	o 
c 	k 	u 	b 	f 
e 	l 	h 	sh 	r 
j 	v 	y 	w 	th 
z 	ch 	qu 	x 	ng nk

1 - Set 1 RWI phonic sounds to learn at home.



## KS1- Years 1 and 2



Earlier in the week KS1 parents were invited to our Phonics parent workshop, we hope you found this useful. Look out on the website in the coming weeks for the virtual version of the workshop so if you wasn't able to attend you can still find the information. For now, here is a useful link to help you support reading at home with your children - <https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/reading/learn-to-read-phonics/>

In KS1 we are busy preparing for our Christmas Nativity! This year we will be performing 'Bethlehem's Buzzing'. We can't wait to share it with you! Look out for the nativity letters coming out in the coming weeks.

Thank you for your ongoing support. Mrs Brown, KS1 Unit Lead.

### Year 1

We have settled back excellently after the October half term! In Maths, we have been learning all about addition and subtraction focusing on using the part-part whole models.

In English we have been learning all about Beegu. We have been writing a setting description of Planet Zog (where Beegu is from) we are working towards writing our own story based on Beegu. This text links to our Science topic for this half term, Materials and this is the topic children will be basing their homework on this half term, so please look out for the tasks and the knowledge organiser in their red homework books. Don't forget their weekly spellings can be found in their homework book, then on a Friday we will put the spelling test into their reading record so you can see what your child scored.

This week you will be given the Autumn 2 curriculum overview with the Knowledge Organisers for each subject attached, we hope you find these useful in supporting your children with home learning. As always, any questions please don't hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher.

Thank you for all your support,

Miss Spencer and Mrs Broadhurst



2 - Set 2 and 3 sounds for children to learn at home

## Year 2

We have settled back excellently after the October half term! We have been learning new methods for addition and subtraction in Maths, focusing on the column addition and subtraction method. Some children have found this a little tricky and any support at home with using this method would be great.

In English we have been learning all about facts files, we will be writing a Meerkat fact file next week and the children are excited to perform these. Over the coming weeks we will be focusing on the text 'Bog Baby', we are working towards writing instructions on how to catch our very own bog baby. This text links to our Science topic for this half term, 'living things and their habitats', this is the topic children will be basing their homework on this half term, so please look out for the tasks and the knowledge organiser in their red homework books. Don't forget their weekly spellings can be found in their homework book, then on a Friday we will put the spelling test into their reading record so you can see what your child scored.

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In Year 2 we are struggling to win our weekly reading prize, can you please ensure that children are reading each night so we can win the reading box!

Thank you for all your support,

Mrs Brown, Mrs Fisher & Mrs Westwell

## KS2- Year 3-6

### Year 3

We have settled back into routine after the break superbly in year 3, continuing our Stone Age topic and have begun a new English topic based on our class novel Hodgeheg by Dick-King Smith. In Maths, we have been working on addition and subtraction and in Science we are working on our new topic Light. Our computing lessons are based around Digital Literacy and we are enjoying learning and using our new skills. We have two music lessons this half term as we continue to learn the recorder and have started to rehearse our songs for the Carol Concert.

We are very excited about our DT project 'Moving Monsters', thank you so much for sending in your empty plastic bottles and boxes for this!

It was lovely to see so many children in full school uniform and school PE kit last term, and we want this to continue. Please can you ensure your child has full school uniform each day (including school shoes) and has an appropriate PE kit (black shorts/leggings/skirt and a white top). Thank you for your continued support on this, as it makes a huge difference to their attitude to learning when they feel like part of the team.

Thanks

Mrs Barrett, Miss Yapp and Mr Brown.

### Year 4

It has been a busy start to the half term, with Year 4 settling back into school routines well, especially with our English unit, 'The Storm' and learning about Length and Perimeter in Maths. We will be moving on to multiplication and division, so please encourage your child to participate in as much TT Rockstars as possible! Similarly, please look through the knowledge organisers, which have gone home this week. These will provide an overview of many of the subject areas that the children will be learning about this half-term. As staff, we are particularly excited about starting our DT project linked to Christmas cards in a few weeks time! This will allow the children to demonstrate their creativity, festivity and ingenuity!

In Music, we have also begun to learn and rehearse our songs for the Carol Concert. They are doing amazingly well with some beautiful singing voices!

It was also great to see pupils looking smart in their uniforms last half-term and we would like this to continue. Please can you ensure that your child has full school uniform each day (including school

shoes) and has an appropriate PE kit (black shorts/leggings/skirt and a white top). Thank you for your continued support on this, as it makes a huge difference to their attitude to learning when they feel like part of a team.

Thank you!

Mr Simmons

Miss Cross

Year 5

We have settled back into routine excellently in year 5! We have started lots of new and exciting units of work. We have begun our new English unit, which is all about the book 'How to Live Forever'. Within Maths we are beginning the Multiplication and Division unit, where the children can use their good understanding of times tables to support them. In Science we are starting to explore our unit in Forces and are looking forward to finding out about Isaac Newton whilst also learning about Digital Literacy in Computing.

In our music lessons we are all very excited as we are practising our Christmas songs in preparation for our Carol Concert, The children are practising how to keep a beat and sing at the same time. We hope this year we will be able to perform for you showcasing all the children's hard work.

The children are also showing a growing enthusiasm in reading lots of different books including poetry, non-fiction and fiction. With your support at home we are hoping this continues allowing year 5 to win more reading prizes at the end of the week.

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Thank you for your continued support!

Miss Murray

Miss Taylor

Miss Simpson

Year 6

We have settled back into routine after the break superbly in year 6, continuing some topics such as the Vikings, which is an English and a History topic. Also we are close to completing the four number operations (+ - x ÷) unit in Maths. We have also started some new topics this half term such as The Circulatory System in Science and Digital Literacy in Computing. In Music, we have started to rehearse our songs for the Carol Concert, which can hopefully go ahead this year!

The Scholars Project is up and running, where six of our pupils go to Masfield every Tuesday afternoon to participate in a University based project with some really challenging work.

The children are very excited about the upcoming trip to Crucial Crew, which will teach the children about safety in the community from a variety of agencies. It has always been a popular trip and we hope the children learn lots whilst there.

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Thanks

Mr Nicholson

Mr Hudson

Mrs Healey

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