



Westfield  
Foundation Stage  
Newsletter



Autumn and  
Christmas



This half term we are finding out about Autumn. We will walk round the school grounds looking for signs of Autumn e.g. leaves that have changed colour, fallen leaves, acorns and berries on the trees. Please encourage your child to look for signs of Autumn in your garden or when they are coming to school. We will also be learning about animals that hibernate. We will also be looking at the festivals of Bonfire night and Diwali.

Share a story

Each week, your child will bring home a story from school. This book will be part of our Early Years library. The book will come home on a Tuesday and we ask that it is returned on a Friday. We hope you enjoy sharing an additional book with your child.

Special books

We have enjoyed sharing your children's special books each Wednesday afternoon so far. Please can we ask that they only complete 1 page and this can be done using photographs, drawings or sentences about an experience from home.

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Phonics and Reading

We hope you found the phonics meeting useful. Please access this on seesaw when needed for further support. Please could you continue practising the sounds in your child's orange phonics journal and ticking each time they have read the sound correctly. It can be helpful for you to put a small dot or no tick if you feel they were incorrect or unsure. Please make sure your child's pronunciation is correct.

Naming clothes

Please remember to mark your child's name clearly on the outside of lunch boxes and on the inside of cardigans and sweatshirts. Now that the weather is getting colder and children are beginning to wear hats, scarves, gloves and mittens, these too need to be named. It is so much easier to return lost items



## Nativity

We are hoping to invite you into school later in the half term for our Nativity performance. More information about children's lines, dances and costumes will be shared soon.

## Fastening coats

Now that the weather is getting colder, we are encouraging the children to fasten their own coats at playtime. Please could you try at home too so that they can do this task independently?

Thank you.

## Seesaw

Look out for lovely photos of your children in their first few weeks of school.

We will add messages and notices when needed. We hope you find it helpful.

to a child if they are clearly named.

## PE lessons

PE is usually on a Wednesday morning and we also have an outdoor activity session on a Friday afternoon. Please ensure your child has a PE kit in a bag on their peg. This should not be their book bag but instead, a bag that stays in school. Please take the time to allow your child to dress themselves at home as it can be a shock for them when they are expected to try to change themselves in school.

## School Reading

Thank you to all families who are reading their school reading books with their children at home. We know that children who do this regularly make much quicker progress than those who don't. We expect children to read 3 or more times a week. Please sign and date each time your child reads. We look forward to giving out more reading prizes as the year goes on.