



**Westfield
Foundation Stage 2
Newsletter**

Autumn 2 Celebrations and Christmas



Curriculum

This half term we continue thinking about Autumn and the activities we do within this time, with a focus on planting bulbs.

Please encourage your child to look for signs of Autumn in your garden or when they are coming to school.

We will also be looking at the festivals of Bonfire night and Christmas (including the different ways it is celebrated around the world) and also learning all about space.



PE lessons

PE is on a Thursday morning. 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 challenge for them when they are expected to try to change themselves in school.

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.



Seesaw

We hope you are enjoying the updates about what your child has been doing at school within the Seesaw app.

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

Fastening coats

Now that the weather is getting colder, we are encouraging the children to fasten their own coats at lunchtime and during free flow when playing outside. Please could you try at home too so that they can do this task independently? This could also include practising turning inside-out coats the right way as this can be a problem for many children.

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 to a child if they are clearly named.

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 certificates and prizes as the year goes on.

Phonics and Reading

Please access the phonics information PowerPoint on our website. Please could you continue practising the sounds and words in your child's yellow phonics journal and ticking each time they have read the sound or word 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.

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 at home.



