



Dear Woodlands Parents,

Our topic for term two is 'Let's Celebrate!' We will be exploring different celebrations such as Diwali, birthdays, bonfire night and Christmas! We will be exploring books such as Binny's Diwali, The Birthday Invitation and Stick Man. We will be discovering different cultures and learning the importance of celebration around the world. Alongside this in Reception, we will be deepening our understanding of the numbers 1-5 and shape. We will also continue developing our understanding of letters and sounds. We will be sending books home weekly for you to practice with your child.

Reading	We will be sending a phonics book home for you and your child to practice alongside a regular story book. Please read the phonics book with your child as frequently as possible. This should be a minimum of three times a week. It is also incredibly important to read regular story books to continue the development of a love of learning. The children may start to 'learn' the words to the story while they are reading their phonics book of the week. This is great as it means their reading can become more fluent with the recognition of words.
Maths	Our focus of this term is the numbers 1-5 and shape. Please try and include this in your everyday conversations to help your child develop their confidence. You could narrate what you're doing such as saying "I need 5 eggs...1...2..3..4..5!" or ask your child to help you. This could be similar with shapes too. Encouraging your child to notice numbers and shapes around them will really help deepen their understanding and give them strong foundations for future maths.

Helpful reminders:

- Please make sure your child brings in a named water bottle and their bag each day.
- Please always bring a named coat particularly as the weather is unpredictable in the autumn!
- Our PE days are Thursday and Friday. Please ensure your child arrives in their PE kit and trainers. We will no longer be practicing getting dressed at school as we have done amazingly!
- Should you have any queries about sessions (Rabbits), please email either easthoathlyoffice@pioneerfederation.co.uk or ehnursery@pioneerfederation.co.uk.

Forest School

Children will take part in one session per term and the dates for these will be put in each of the school newsletters. For forest school sessions we advise that the children have the following in a named bag:

- A pair of wellington boots (These can be kept at school all year round)
- A pair of leggings or trousers
- A long sleeved top
- A jumper/ fleece
- A pair of socks
- A waterproof jacket/ coat
- Waterproof trousers or overalls (if you have them)
- Hat, scarf, gloves for the winter months
- Hat and sun cream for summer months

Home learning:

If you wish to support your child with their learning at home, here are a few useful links which may help.

<https://www.littlewandle.org.uk/resources/for-parents/> - Little Wandle phonics pronunciation. This will ensure you are teaching your children how to say their sounds the correct way. This is essential to ensure their learning goes as smoothly as possible!

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episodes/b08bzfnh/numberblocks?seriesId=b08bzfnh-structural-1-b08bzg8q> - Numberblocks videos. Series one and two of the number blocks will support your child with consolidation of the skills and lessons being taught in class. Please use these as a learning tool to base conversations with your child around to help deepen their understanding.

Thank you for your ongoing support!

Miss Thornton and Miss Curryer.