Rufforth Primary School

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Class 1 Autumn 2 Newsletter

Welcome back to the last half of our Autumn term! I hope you have had a lovely and restful half term break. We have an exciting term ahead as we begin our new topic, 'Special Times Special Places'.

Special Times, Special Places

This term we will learn all about special celebrations that take place in our community and the wider world including Diwali, Hanukah and Christmas to help us to:

* Understand that some places are special to members of their community

* Recognise that people have different beliefs and celebrate special times in different ways

* Recognise some similarities and differences between life in this country and life in other countries

PE - PE takes place every Thursday with Mr. Holmes from Total Sports. Please could all children bring suitable outdoor PE clothes; including trainers, long track suit bottoms/ leggings, and a long sleeved sports jumper now that the weather is colder.

Water Bottles - Please remember your water bottles (we do have spare cups for anyone who accidentally forgets). We have had a few leaks so please remember **not to put water bottles in book bags** so we can avoid soggy books and planners!

Reading Books - Reading Books will be sent home every Friday. Please ensure your child's reading book is kept in their bag as we read with the children throughout the week.

Please read with your children for 10 minutes five days a week. When they have finished their book please re-read it to build up their fluency and comprehension skills.

There are also lots of books to choose from using the online reading library Epic Reading (please see the padlet for details). Please sign your child's planner when you have read with them.

Phonics Blue Books - The children have been working very hard with their phonics homework and we will continue to send the blue books out each week with a short phonics activity for the children to complete to reinforce the learning they have done in school. Please return the blue books by the following Thursday.

Wellies and Waterproofs - Please ensure you child brings wellies and a waterproof coat or overalls to school on rainy days as we spend a lot of time outdoors in all weathers!

Class Padlet

Take a look at our class Padlet for fun activities you can do at home with your child.

Enrichment Opportunities…

Class 1 has a busy half term with lots of activities planned to support their understanding of our topic, 'Special Times, Special Places'.

Diwali Diya Lamp Workshop

Rufforth Village Winter Walk and Post Office Visit

Open Day – Opportunities for parents/carers to come in to school and enjoy a session of fun activities with their child will be communicated later in the term.

Making chocolate Sparklers

Communication

If you have any enquires regarding this newsletter or your child please do not hesitate to get in contact. Please use your child's planners if you would like to communicate any messages. You can also contact me via email at lpollock@rufforth.pmat.academy or call the school office if you would like to speak via the phone or arrange a meeting outside of my teaching day.

Thank you for your on-going support,

Best wishes,

Mrs Pollock and the EYFS Team