

Dear Parents,

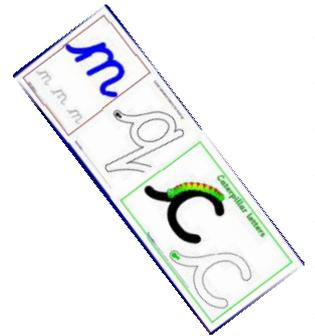


### Curriculum

This term we are learning about 'Autumn and Celebrations'. We have already learned about Harvest and we shall be learning about similarities and differences between festivals that are celebrated in different religions. We shall be talking about Diwali, Bonfire Night, Remembrance Day, Hannukah and Christmas. We shall conclude this topic by performing a Christmas Nativity. If anyone celebrates any of these festivals it would be great if you could come in and talk to the children about your faith.

### Reading

Children in Reception are moving quickly through Phase 2 of the Letters and Sounds program and will soon be starting Phase 3 where they will be learning 'digraphs' (two letters representing one sound. Please use the weekly learning letters to see which sounds your child is learning each week and support them with these at home. Please also write in their reading journals every time you read with them at home - even just an initial to acknowledge that they are practising. Please talk to them about the characters in the story and ask them to make predictions or retell the story to check their understanding of what they have read. Children in nursery have begun, and will continue, matching some letters to sounds and learning to recognise their own names. Please support them by writing the initial letter of their name and saying the 'pure' sound it represents.



### Maths

We shall continue to learn about one number each fortnight i.e. numbers 5 to 8 between now and Christmas. The children learn the number that is one more or one less, can the number be halved, what is double, how it looks on a 'ten frame', how many different ways they can make the number using simple number sentences e.g. 3 and 2 makes 5. They will be looking at partitioning pictures where there is a whole number of objects e.g. 5 in the rhyme 'Five Little Ducks went swimming one day' and that when some have swum away they are left with parts of the whole number eg. 4 are still with Mummy duck, 1 has swum away and there are still 5 altogether. Please look at the maths learning wall and talk to the children about what they have learned.

### Reminders

Children are proud to tell us about their learning at home. Please share this in their 'Special Books'. We can print out photos you'd like to add to their books if you send them to the school Early Years email address [earlyyears@st-cuthberts.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:earlyyears@st-cuthberts.n-yorks.sch.uk). Their Special Books and 'To and Fro' packs must be brought to school every day. We go to the school library every Wednesday (usually in the afternoon) and ask that you remind your child to bring their library books in on this day so we can check them in and they can borrow a different book. P.E. is on a Monday afternoon, followed by tuck shop (20p for a drink and 20p for a biscuit). We also have P.E. on a Thursday morning which may be dance or using the bikes/scooters. Please ensure your child has P.E. kit (white T-shirt with school logo, navy or black shorts and trainers - not pumps) in school. As with all uniform, these must be clearly named. Celebration Assemblies are on Fridays at 2.45pm in the school hall and provide an opportunity to share the highlights from the week. We look forward to seeing you there.



Yours sincerely  
Helen Dutton