

Term 2 John Coles Newsletter

Dear Parents/carers,

We had a lovely first term with the children and they have all settled into John Coles and the new routines brilliantly.

This term we are working on the themes of Traditional Tales and Celebrations. Through these themes we will be covering all areas of the curriculum with lots of rich play activities, storytelling and adult guided activities.

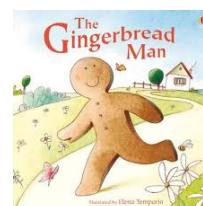
Personal, Social and Emotional development



We will be continuing to work on the key skills of co-operation and shared learning. Children will be encouraged to play together taking turns, sharing and developing ideas. We will be doing weekly circle time activities linking in with our SCARF theme 'Valuing Difference'.

Communication Language and Literacy

We will be sharing lots of different stories, including The Gingerbread Man, White Mitten, The Little Fir Tree and The Jolly Postman. We will be extending our story telling vocabulary and using puppets to help us retell stories. The children will also take part in Helicopter Stories each week and this will involve learning new poems and stories and also telling their own stories.



Phonics

We will be learning new sounds weekly using Little Wandle. Your child will bring home the featured sounds from that week. **Please help children to learn these sounds at home.** They will also bring home a book to share with you and a library book.

Fine Motor

Children will be working on pencil and tool control and we will be supporting the children to use the correct pencil grip when developing our mark making, drawing and letter formation. They will begin to write the letter sounds. Please help your child to practice writing their name as often as possible.

Maths

We will be taking part in daily maths activities. These will be hands on practical small group activities developing our knowledge of number, sorting, grouping and the concepts of more and less. We will also look at recognising quantity without needing to count, which we call 'subitising'.



Understanding of the World

Children will be developing their understanding of celebrations including 'Diwali' and 'Christmas'. We will also look at the season of Winter and how nature changes.

Physical Development

PE will be on a WEDNESDAY and this term we are very lucky to have the PE coach working with John Coles class! As often as possible we will use our outdoor areas to build on skills as well as to give the children opportunity to develop the skills in co-operation, sharing and communicating that come through free play and team activities.

Expressive Arts

Using 'Celebrations' as a theme we will be creating lots of different crafts. We will also be making Christmas crafts ready for the Bazaar! We will be taking part in the Nativity so learning lots of new songs ready for this. Every Thursday afternoon this term we will be singing with Piano Pete!



Any questions please pop and chat to any of us, thank you

The John Coles Team ☺