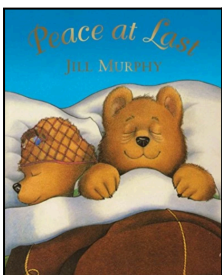
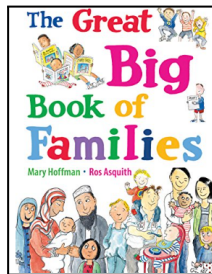
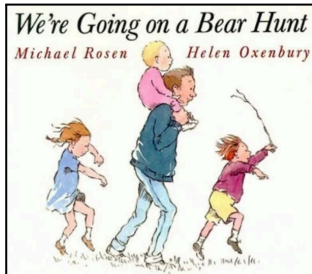
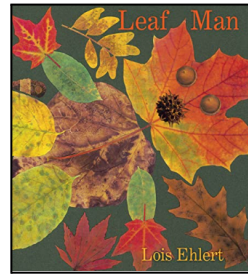
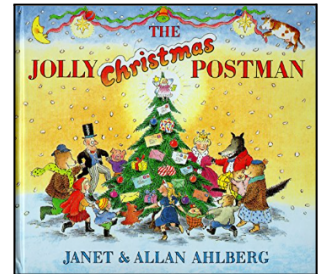




Welcome to our school and a new term. It's an exciting new start for us all! This week the children have been exploring the classroom areas and getting settled into new routines, making new friends.

This half term our theme is '**Marvellous Me**'. After half term we will move on to '**Let's celebrate**'

Literacy – during the first half term we shall be reading books such as 'Peace at Last', the 'The Great Big Book of Families' and 'We're going on a bear hunt', as well as books about people who help us and lots of other popular story books throughout the day. After half term we shall focus on 'Leaf Man' and 'Bears in the night' and later will look at the Diwali story of Rama and Sita, 'The Jolly Christmas Postman', 'Dear Santa' and other seasonal stories.



Reading

Books

The children will soon be bringing reading books home. To start with these will be wordless books to get the children used to talking about what is happening in the story, turning pages in order and learning words such as front cover, back cover and author. They will read in a group three times a week and then bring their book home to share with you at the end of that week. We hope that your child will read or talk about the pictures in their book each day at home. Please complete the reading record when they read with you. Children will also choose and bring home a Reading for Pleasure book each week to share with family members.

Physical Education

PE lessons will be on a **Tuesday**, starting from next week. Children should come to school dressed in their PE kits on that day. Please wear the PE top with black shorts or joggers. If you haven't already ordered a PE t-shirt or hoody they can be ordered at <https://www.handkembroidery.co.uk/pages/school-uniforms>.

Uniform

Please make sure your child's clothing has their name in, especially jumpers/cardigans and PE clothes which are all the same. This will save us a lot of valuable time when getting ready for home each day!

Wellies

In order to be able to use the large outdoor sandpit children will need to bring in some wellies which will stay at school all the time. Please send these in as soon as possible with your child's name inside.

Homework

Once the Foundation children have started their Little Wandle phonics sessions, a weekly practise sheet will be provided with the phonic sounds the children have covered that week. They will also bring home a Homework book with homework activities in for the Autumn term. Your child can choose which activities they want to do in whichever order. We are happy to share anything they do throughout the term, they just need to bring it in to show us. Homework books will be collected back in before the Christmas holidays.

Pick up and drop off

The Foundation/KS1 door will be opened at 8.45am for the children to enter the school. At 9.00am this door will be closed and the children will need to be inside to ensure the smooth running of our morning routines. After this time, you will need to walk round to the office. Pick up time is 3.30pm and if someone other than yourselves (parents/carers) is picking up your child the school must have written consent or an agreed password given at the door. Please bear with us as we get to know new faces on the playground at pick up time!

We are always here to support you and your child, so if you have any queries please do not hesitate to talk to us either on the door before or after school or you can contact us via the school office or Class Dojo. We look forward to working with you and getting to know everyone.

Foundation Team
(Mrs Atkin, Mrs Lewis, Mrs Nicholls)

