



# Diamond Class Newsletter

## Autumn Term 2

Class teachers: Mrs Bovington and Miss Turner  
Teaching Assistants: Mrs Griggs and Mrs Robertson

Our core reading texts have been : *Julia Donaldson books and Christmas related stories.*

### English

#### Reading:

We have been working really hard both in Phonics and within our play to read cvc words and those tricky words which are impossible to sound out. These are the words which have been sent home to you via Dojo and we will continue to add to these as we learn more!

#### Writing:

Diamond Class have worked exceptionally hard as learning to write cursive is really quite tricky. We are growing in confidence in regards to segmenting and blending and are beginning to persevere and have a go at writing CVC words and in some cases, writing sentences. \_

#### Phonics:

Phase 2

### Maths

We continue to engage in new experiences, challenge ourselves and persevere when things become a little tricky, often finding new ways in which to do things. We continue to work with numbers from 0-20, selecting the correct numeral to represent an amount of objects, count things which cannot be moved and find the total number of items in two groups by counting them.

Within Shape, Space and Measure we have been exploring the language of 2d and 3d shapes through both open ended, child led play and adult directed teaching. We are exploring the words, edges, vertices and faces in regards to 3d shapes and learning all about their similarities and differences.

We have also begun to explore coins and the language surrounding money through a shop which sells anything from snakes to armadillos!

### Understanding the World

This term we have explored our environment, collecting leaves and discussing the changes in weather and the environment. This led to some beautiful leaf art which the children thoroughly enjoyed.

We continue to learn about ourselves and how we are the same and yet different to one another, enjoying different things and experiencing different activities and festivals at home. We have explored both Divali and Christmas through our art work and discussion.

In technology we have learned how to log onto the iPads and concentrated a gh

### Exploring Media and Materials.

The children love art both within the classroom and the garden, enjoying large scale drawing with chalk outdoors whilst exploring mixing colours indoors.

Our role play Home Corner has developed over the term and has recently become a Christmas House with wrapping and letters to Santa to write. All of this encourages independence in their work and the opportunity to learn to co operate and share with one another.

### Communication and Language

We continue to work on our listening skills in small groups and are also focusing on the difference between questions and statements when talking to one another. \_

### Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Learning to share and turn take is a huge skill for children to learn. We are becoming problem solvers and are able bounce back after difficulties, often finding new ways.

### Support From Home

Please remember to arrive to school on time, according to the Guidance for Social Distancing.  
Reading at home 5 times a week at least.  
Correct uniform is to be worn. \_

### Physical Development

Diamond class have worked incredibly hard in PE, developing throwing and catching skills as well as ensuring our own safety when moving in and around others and equipment.  
We continue to concentrate on our fine motor skills and the formation of our cursive letters.