



Our topic this term

This half term the children in Reception will be looking at the topic 'From Dark to Light'. We will start this term by discussing the festival of Diwali and Bonfire Night. We are looking forward to



learning all about Diwali (the Hindu festival of lights) and we have planned to make beautiful mehndi patterns and Diya lamps. We will continue to explore different media and materials in our Creative Area to make our own beautiful firework display! We will also be reading the story *Room on the Broom* and focusing on the rhyming words in the story. We will attempt to write our own rhymes. We will talk about Remembrance Day and the significance of the poppy.



www.raglanprimaryschool.co.uk
Follow us on Twitter [@raglanprimary](https://twitter.com/raglanprimary)
and
Instagram [@raglanprimaryschool](https://www.instagram.com/raglanprimaryschool)

Reception Newsletter Autumn Term 2 2023

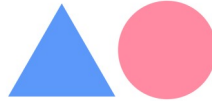
Welcome back to a new term, we hope you have enjoyed a well-deserved rest. We look forward to a busy term with lots of exciting learning taking place!

Important Dates

Friday 17th November-Children in Need
Thursday 23rd November-Parent forum 9am
Monday 27th- Wednesday 29th November – Book Fair
Wednesday 29th November - Flu immunisations
Friday 8th December- FoR Own Clothes Day
Saturday 9th December-Christmas Fair
Wednesday 13th, Thursday 14th and Friday 15th December –Christmas Performances
Monday 18th December- Christmas Class Parties
Tuesday 19th December-Christmas Lunch and last day of term

As mathematicians we will...

Be learning about circles and triangles. The children will learn that some shapes have curved sides and others have straight sides. We will recognise shapes in and outside the classroom and make patterns/ prints using different shapes. We will practise comparing objects by size, weight and capacity, and use positional language to describe where things are located.



Phonics

Our phonics sessions will continue teaching how to read and write the Phase 2 letters and sounds, including the tricky words: l, and, to, the, a. Please continue your hard work, reading regularly, playing phonics games and practising the sounds that the children have already learned (s, a, t, p, i, n).

Reception key information

- PE takes place every week (on a Monday and Wednesday) and children will need to ensure they have a full kit which includes; navy shorts/ jogging bottoms/leggings, navy t. shirt and trainers that are labelled.
- Outdoor Learning will take place once a week for both Reception classes (Monkeys—Tuesday, Lions—Thursday). Children will need to come in to school dressed in their own clothes for their allocated session. Please ensure children bring in their named waterproof suit/jacket and trousers, waterproof shoes and some spare clothes in a labelled bag which will be kept in school unless it needs to be sent home to be cleaned.

How can you help at home?



- Please continue to practise writing your child's name.
- Encourage your children to count forwards and backwards up to 10 and beyond.
- Continue to read on a daily basis and record in your child's reading journal. Books are changed once a week. Please make sure your child brings in their reading journal and books every day so it is ready to be changed.
- We would be very grateful if you could donate £1 for our consumables that resource our messy and malleable play. Please give this to a member of the EYFS team.
- If you have any kitchen rolls, cereal boxes, yogurt pots etc. please bring them in as we are constantly using these materials in our outdoor D.T Station.
- If you have any old utensils (whisks, tongs, baking pans, tins) you are currently not using please pass them on to a member of the EYFS team to be

Reminders:

As the weather is getting colder, please ensure that your child has an appropriate jacket/coat to wear outdoors. Make sure all clothing is labelled.