

# EYFS (Reception) Learning Letter (Autumn 2)

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Issue 2

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## EYFS Learning News

Welcome to Autumn 2!

Welcome...

It has been great to see how quickly the children have settled here at BPS. Many children are beginning to show independence and confidence to come into the classrooms by themselves. We understand if your child is not ready for this, but would encourage you (and your child!) to have a go, you may be surprised.

Christmas is fast approaching (certainly for us in school) and we apologise for your children singing Christmas songs in November! The EYFS Christmas performance is always a treat and involves a lot of preparation.

We are always available, throughout the week, if you have any questions.

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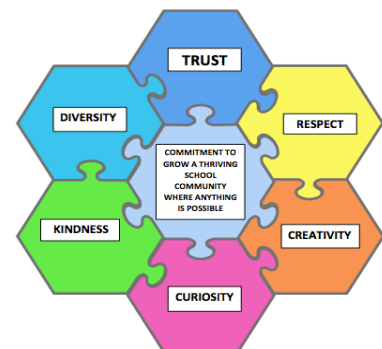
### Upcoming Events

- ◆ **Weds 8<sup>th</sup> Nov – PHOTO DAY! (Look your best!)**
- ◆ **Mon 13<sup>th</sup> Nov - anti-bullying week**
- ◆ **Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> Nov – Welly Walk to Watton Hill – details to follow**
- ◆ **Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> Nov - CHILDREN IN NEED cake stall after school.**
- ◆ **Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Nov – CHILDREN IN NEED non-uniform day with £1 donation please.**
- ◆ **Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov – intro session to Family SEAL for parents. Details to follow.**
- ◆ **Fri 24<sup>th</sup> Nov 6-8pm Christmas Fair**
- ◆ **Thurs 30<sup>th</sup> Nov - parents evening**
- ◆ **Fri 1<sup>st</sup> Dec - non-pupil day for parent consultations**
- ◆ **Tues 5<sup>th</sup> Dec 9:15am (ish) - Nativity to parents**
- ◆ **Mon 11<sup>th</sup> Dec - EYFS and KS1 Christmas parties**
- ◆ **Weds 13<sup>th</sup> December EYFS Christmas stall at 2:45pm**
- ◆ **Weds 13<sup>th</sup> Dec HOT Christmas lunch**
- ◆ **Walk to see the Christmas lights at the United Reformed Church – date to be confirmed.**
- ◆ **Last day of term Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm.**

BPS values - In EYFS we are focusing on Key Words from our BPS Values that link to our theme.

This half term we will look at

- Respect
- Diversity
- Curiosity

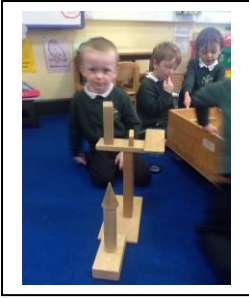


### Sparkles and Fizz!

Our main theme this half term is 'Sparkles and Fizz'. In school the children will be chatting about their families and family celebrations. They will have a chance to find out more about each other's family traditions. We will be focusing on Bonfire Night, and Christmas; however, we are keen to find out about and celebrate other family traditions which our children know about.

The Christmas performance will play a large role in this topic.

## What we will be learning across the curriculum...



**Phonics (letters & sounds)** - The children are becoming more confident with 'Letters and Sounds'. They are practicing the sounds they have already learnt and discovering new ones, including digraphs. A digraph is when two letters join to make just one sound, for example 'ee' 'ck'.

**Reading** - Share the book, talk about the pictures and see if they recognise any of the sounds. It is a time to enjoy looking at a book together, don't worry if they are not ready to 'read'. Some children may begin to segment the words (break them into individual sounds) in their reading book and blend them back together.

**Writing** - In school we encourage the children to write their name and use the letter sounds they have learnt to 'have a go'. This can be using chalk, shaving foam, water and paint brushes - it does not have to just be on paper!

**Maths** - We will continue looking at recognising numbers and counting accurately.

## School Routines

Your children are already settling into our school routines well. Here are a few reminders to help them and you make the transition as smooth as possible.

- **Reading books**- Please ensure your child's reading book is in their book bag and brought to school **every day**.
- **Self-registering** - Please encourage your child to find their name on it when they arrive in the morning.
- **Book Bags** - All letters are placed inside book bags so please check them regularly.
- **Drinks and Fruit** - Children have access to water throughout the day and fresh fruit during the morning.
- **Lunches** - If your child has a packed lunch, please ensure it contains healthy options. Children having a hot lunch do not need to bring additional snacks to school. **We are a nut free school. Please can we ask that the children do not bring in for their lunch any nuts, or any product containing nuts. Thank you.**
- **PE** - PE sessions are on Fridays. Please ensure your child has their coloured t-shirt and shorts in school.

Nature Rangers will continue this half term BUT please look at the classroom boards as there maybe changes due to rehearsals, etc.

Meet our 6Rs animals, we will be focusing on being Responsible and Resourceful this half term.



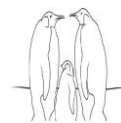
Ready  
Meerkat



Resourceful  
Hamster



Resilient  
Elephant



Responsible  
Penguin



Reflective  
Owl



Reasoning  
Monkey

## Home Learning ideas...

Things to think about:

- **Encourage independence:** Encourage your child to start getting dressed by themselves or enter the classroom without you. We have **WOW cheques** in school to celebrate what your child does at home... anything from brushing their teeth by themselves - to challenging themselves to do something new.

## School Council News and Views...inc CHILDREN IN NEED

We just wanted to remind you about Children in Need day on **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November**. We are inviting everyone in school to come dressed in non-uniform for the day with £1 donation!

**However, there will be a cake stall at the end of the school day on THURSDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> NOV - please get baking at home and bring in your cake donations in the morning of Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> Nov.**

All donations will go the Children in Need.