

### Curriculum Letter for Autumn 2

Dear Parents/Carers,

We had such a wonderful first term welcoming the Foxes to Horsley School. They all settled so quickly and have already made great progress. In the build-up to Christmas our topic will be **'Sparkle & Shine!'** We will be diving into celebrations such as Bonfire Night, Diwali and, of course, Christmas! Our shiny new topic is the perfect way to get festive!

Much of our learning this half term will centre upon our key texts, which will be 'Catch a star', 'The long way home' and 'Stick man'. We will be investigating Space and the Solar System, then later in the half term, the children will enjoy taking part in a wide range of Christmas activities, including our Nativity performance! The weather is getting colder, so please make sure your child brings in a waterproof winter coat every day. Children are also welcome to bring in gloves, hats and scarfs. Please make sure everything is clearly labelled.

To support your child at home you could:

- Share your 'Reading for Pleasure' book with your child - this really helps to foster a love for reading.
- Practice self-care; doing coats up; putting shoes on the correct feet; using cutlery.

Additional information:

- PE will continue to take place every Thursday. Please ensure children wears their school PE kit to school.
- Outdoor learning will continue every Wednesday- we will always try to get outside regardless of the weather so wrap up warm!
- 'Mystery Reader' will continue every Wednesday at 3pm – please ensure you sign up by ringing the office.

CURRICULUM AREA	AUTUMN 2
	<b>Sparkle &amp; Shine!</b>
<b>Christian Value</b>	Service
<b>Class books</b>	The long way home/ Non-fiction Space books/ How to catch a star/ Christmas stories / Stick man
<b>Literacy/ communication and language</b>	Oral story telling/ story mapping/ re-telling Writing for different purposes; letters to Father Christmas; Space lists; Labelling Little Wandle - Phase 3 phonics
<b>Maths</b>	Make different arrangements of numbers within 5 and talk about what we can see Develop conceptual subitising skills Spot smaller numbers hiding within larger numbers
<b>Understanding the World</b>	Celebrations: Bonfire Night/ Diwali/ Remembrance Day/ Christmas Science -Outdoor Learning- Seasonal Changes/ History – Space shuttle landing Geography – Maps
<b>R.E. (Glos)</b>	Why is Christmas special to Christians?
<b>Expressive Art and Design</b>	Charanga- My Stories! Firework paintings/ Clay/ Christmas crafts
<b>P.E.</b>	Gross motor control - Multi-skills – fundamental movements; balance Fine motor control - letter formation; refine cutting skills
<b>Personal, social and emotional</b>	SCARF: Valuing Difference

Looking forward to an exciting term!

Best Wishes,

Mrs Everett, Miss Ind-Smith & Mrs Tuck

