



## Dates for the Diary

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November, 9am**

Phonics Coffee Morning.

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 10<sup>th</sup>  
November**

Parents Evening (times to follow).

## Volunteers



Have you a spare hour or two?  
We would like to invite parents  
and carers to volunteer in  
Reception to read or play games  
with our children.

This could be weekly or  
fortnightly.

If you are interested in joining our  
volunteer group please speak to  
Mrs Thompson-Yates for more  
information.

## Supporting your Child's Learning

The home learning books we have sent  
home have been a great success and the  
children have enjoyed sharing their home  
learning at school with their teachers and  
peers.

We share their home learning each  
Friday. New activities will be added to  
home learning books on Fridays so please  
make sure yours is in school **every  
Friday.**

Thank you for your continued support. If  
you have any questions or comments  
please see a member of the Early Years  
team.

If you need help printing photographs  
please email them to:  
[homelearning@catshillfirst.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:homelearning@catshillfirst.worcs.sch.uk)

## Toys from Home

Toys brought to school can become  
lost or broken. Therefore we ask that  
all toys are kept safe at home.

## Reading Books

Please remember to bring your  
book bag to school every day and  
keep your reading books and diary  
in your book bag.



## Uniform and P.E. Kit

During the half term holiday please  
check all your child's clothing is  
named.

We will send home P.E. kits to be  
washed. Please ensure these are  
named and brought back in when  
we return to school.



## Reminders



**P.E.** is on **Fridays** and 'Busy Feet' is on **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays**.

Children need a t-shirt and shorts for this. Please ensure all clothes and P.E. bag are named. P.E. kits will be sent home each half term for washing.

## Expressive Arts and Design

We will be role playing the stories we are reading. We will also explore creating rockets, building bonfires and making fireworks pictures.

## Understanding the World

We will be exploring festivals people celebrate – Halloween, bonfire night, Diwali and Christmas.

We will also be learning about technology and use computers to create art work, focusing on keyboard and mouse skills.

## Books we will be reading:

Room on the Broom, The Gunpowder Plot, Diwali – Rama and Sita, The Gruffalo and Percy the Park Keeper.

## Our Topic: Lights, Lamps and Lanterns



## Physical Development

We will be learning how to change independently for P.E.

We will be exploring movement and dance to music.



## Mathematics



We will be looking at shapes - naming shape, using shapes to create pictures and 3D models. We will also be looking at adding 1 more to amount up to 9.

## Communication and Language

We will be retelling the stories we have learnt and also develop our listening and understanding skills when answering who, what, where, how questions.

## abc def ghijklm nopqrst vwxyz Literacy

We have learnt many letter sounds and will continue to learn more. (Please see home learning for sounds we learn each week).

We will learn how to blend and segment words to help us read and write words.