



Where children come first

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Early Years Autumn Term Newsletter

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Dear EYFS families,

What a fantastic start to the year it's been! We've truly enjoyed meeting so many new families and getting to know the children over the past week. Everyone has settled into their new classes wonderfully and it's been fantastic to see so many new friendships beginning to blossom.

Autumn 1

We've been having a wonderful time learning new things and getting to know one another. The children have been busy sharing their likes and dislikes with their new friends, talking about who they live with, whether they have pets, their favourite hobbies, and so much more.

Over the coming weeks, our learning will be centred around the story *The Colour Monster*, which will help us explore and understand our emotions. This half term, we're focusing on three big questions: **"Who are you?"**, **"What are your likes and dislikes?"**, and **"How do you feel?"**. Why not ask your child at home and see what they can tell you?

Autumn 2

After half term, our topics will be **Festivals**, **Autumn**, and **Christmas**. We'll be exploring a variety of celebrations including Diwali, Halloween, Bonfire Night, Birthdays, and of course, Christmas. We'll also be learning about the changing seasons and what happens to the world around us during autumn.

Our learning will be guided by the three big questions: **"Can you compare different festivals?"**, **"How do you celebrate different occasions?"**, and **"What happens to the leaves during autumn?"**.

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Class texts

This term, we will be reading the following texts to support our learning:



Supporting your child at home

At Westfield, we don't set formal homework, but we do encourage families to support learning at home. We believe it's important for children to develop positive home learning habits early on and it also gives you a chance to see how they're progressing. Please remember to check **Marvellous Me** and your child's **Communication Book** every Tuesday for updates on home learning activities. If you'd like to learn more about how to support your child at home, we'd love to see you at one of our '**Settled In Sessions**' with Miss Illingworth.

Key events

Further information will be sent out in due course but here is an overview of what is to come:

- Individual School Photos - **Wednesday 17th September**
- Settled in Sessions and Storytime - **Tuesday 30th September** and **Tuesday 7th October**
- Early Years Nursery Rhyme Performance - **Wednesday 22nd October**
- EYFS and KS1 Parents' Evenings - **Monday 17th November** and **Wednesday 19th November**
- Early Years Nativity Performances - **Monday 8th December** and **Wednesday 10th November**

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PE Days

Please see the chart below for your child's PE days:

FKH	Tuesday
FEI	Friday
FLM	Monday

How can I keep up to date with everything?

Please keep an eye on **Marvellous Me** notifications, where we'll continue to celebrate your child's successes and share any important updates. You'll also find home learning updates in your child's **Communication Book**.

Please don't hesitate to approach us with any questions. We are always happy to have a quick chat before or after school but we kindly ask that you wait until all children have been safely handed over before approaching.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

Miss Illingworth, Early Years Foundation Stage Lead, and the EYFS Team



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