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Reception Autumn Term Newsletter

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Dear Reception families,

What a wonderful start to the year it has been! We have thoroughly enjoyed welcoming so many new families and getting to know the children over the past week. It has been lovely to see all of the children settling so confidently into their new classes, and we are delighted to see new friendships already beginning to develop and flourish.

Autumn 1

Over the coming weeks, our learning will be centred around the overarching topic **Marvellous Me and My Surroundings**. Each week, we will explore a different theme, providing the children with a variety of exciting and meaningful learning experiences. Our themes will include Settling and Belonging, Marvellous Me, My Family, My Feelings, The Gruffalo, and Colourful Seasons - Autumn.

Through stories, role play, small-world play, creative activities and early writing experiences, the children will have opportunities to explore their similarities and differences, their families, their emotions and the world around them. These engaging, hands-on experiences will support the development of their language, confidence, creativity and problem-solving skills, while ensuring that learning remains fun, purposeful and enjoyable.

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Autumn 2

After half term, our learning will be centred around the overarching topic **Look at Us Glow!** Throughout this exciting theme, we will explore a variety of celebrations and traditions, including Diwali, Halloween, Bonfire Night, birthdays and, of course, Christmas.

Through stories, creative experiences, music, role play and hands-on activities, the children will have opportunities to learn about how different celebrations are enjoyed while developing their understanding of themselves, others and the world around them.

Class texts

The following stories will be woven throughout our weekly themes, providing familiar and engaging stories to support, extend and enrich the children's learning.

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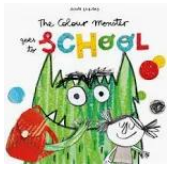
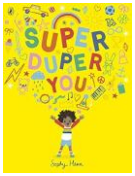
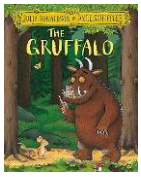
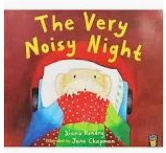
Autumn 1							
Autumn 2							

Supporting your child at home

At Westfield, we do not set formal homework, but we strongly encourage families to support their child's learning at home. Developing positive home-learning habits from an early age can help children to build confidence, reinforce their learning and share their experiences with you.

Each week, you will find a **Knowledge Organiser** in your child's **Communication Book**. These provide an overview of the week's learning, along with ideas and suggestions for simple ways you can support and extend your child's learning at home.

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If you would like to find out more about how you can support your child's learning and development at home, we would love to welcome you to one of our **'Settled In Sessions'** with Mrs Briant.

Key events

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

- Settled in Sessions and Storytime - **Thursday 17th September** and **Friday 18th September**
- Individual School Photos - **Monday 21st September**
- Reception Nursery Rhyme Performance - **Wednesday 21st October**
- EYFS and KS1 Parents' Evenings - **Monday 16th November** and **Wednesday 18th November**
- Early Years Nativity Performances - **Monday 7th December** and **Tuesday 8th December**

PE Days

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

FEB	Wednesday
FLM	Wednesday

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How can I keep up to date with everything?

Please keep an eye on **Awards and Activities** notifications, where we will continue to celebrate your child's achievements and share any important updates. You will also find regular home learning updates in your child's Communication Book, keeping you informed about what they have been learning and how you can support them at home.

If you have any questions or would like to chat with us, please don't hesitate to get in touch. We are always happy to have a quick chat before or after school. We kindly ask, however, that you wait until all children have been safely handed over before approaching a member of the team.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and for working in partnership with us to make your child's start to school such a positive and happy experience!

Kind regards,
The Reception Team

Mrs Briant Early Years Phase Lead	Miss Martin Reception Teacher	Mrs Turley Teaching Assistant	Mrs Harman Teaching Assistant	Mrs Weatherill Teaching Assistant	Mrs Green Teaching Assistant