

Pudsey Bolton  
Royd Primary School



Reception Newsletter  
Autumn 2  
2024

Welcome back!

Last half term we really enjoyed our topic about Autumn as the weather was changing. This half term we will be looking at celebrations such as Bonfire night and Christmas, whilst also exploring space!

### Maths

In maths we will be continuing to use the maths mastery approach to look at numbers from 1-10 in depth. We will also learn about patterns and 2D (flat) and 3D (solid) shapes. We will be teaching the children to use positional language such as above, below, behind, in front of, next to, on top, between etc.



### Literacy

In Literacy, we will be using the letter sounds we have learnt, to read and write CVC words. The children will also continue to learn new letter sounds through Read, Write, Inc. Please ensure your child brings their book and reading record to school every day. Your child needs to read and discuss their book with you at home to support the skills of storytelling and reading with fluency and understanding.



### Understanding of the World

We will be having a dark area in our shared area which the children will be exploring with torches. We will also be retelling the story of 'Whatever Next' by Jill Murphy. We will continue to explore the changing seasons and learn about different festivals of light. The children will be using the computers to find out lots of information, as well as creating firework pictures. We will also be learning about light sources, with links to space and rockets! Our Talk for Writing book is 'How To Catch A Star' by Oliver Jeffers.

### Expressive Arts and Design

The children will be exploring dance and gesture by responding to firework music. They will be using the percussion instruments to create their own firework music and different paint techniques to create firework pictures and firework box models. Our artist for this half term is Piet Mondrian. He used shape and pattern in his artwork and we will be producing our own pictures based on his work.



### P.E.

P.E. is an important part of our curriculum. The children will be doing a range of physical activities in our outside area, working on skills in balancing, spinning, jumping, and climbing. We also hope to take the children down to the hall this half term to do some P.E inside. We will begin by taking our jumpers, shoes and socks off for this, so please practise doing this at home with your child.

### Homework

The children are expected to practise the sounds that they have learned in school and sound out CVC words. The children are also expected to read their book at least 4 times a week with a grown up and talk about what is happening in the pictures. Please practise speaking in full sentences at home. Thank you.

Teachers: Cherry Class - Mon, Tues, Weds am - Ms Wilson,  
Weds pm, Thurs, Fri - Mrs Marsh

Apple Class - Mon, Tues, Weds am - Miss Burton  
Weds pm, Thurs, Fri - Mrs Lamming

Support Staff: Miss Durkin, Mrs Gill, Mrs Ara, Mrs Butt, Miss Milner