Riverside Primary School

Curriculum Newsletter for Families
Autumn 2 2026

EYFS

This half term our theme is: **Special Days, Special Ways!**







Welcome EYFS to our half-termly curriculum newsletter! We would like to take this opportunity to tell you all about the exciting half-term ahead. This newsletter is where you can find out about what your child will be learning over the coming weeks, along with some ideas and suggestions for some activities you could try which will help to support their learning at home.

What are we learning during this theme?

This half term, our learning will focus on the theme **Special Ways, Special Days**. We will be exploring the different ways people and communities celebrate, remember, and mark important times of the year. Through stories, creative arts, and discussions, the children will learn about various celebrations and traditions—such as Bonfire Night, Diwali, Remembrance Day, and Christmas—while reflecting on their own special family events and memories. This theme gives us a wonderful opportunity to celebrate diversity, talk about togetherness, and help children learn about the wider world in a meaningful and engaging way.

Trips, Visitors and Experiences

EYFS will be performing their own Christmas Carol singing production which we look forward to sharing with you.

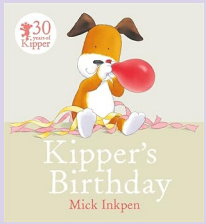
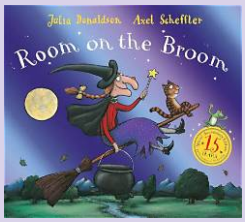
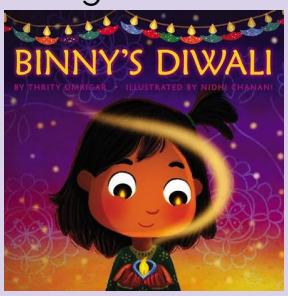
How can you support your child at home?

Please use Seesaw to discuss your child's week at school. If your child gets a sticker at school, ask them what they did to become a Brain Stretcher or Risky Risk Taker so they have the opportunity to discuss their learning with you.

Please practise zipping up coats, putting on shoes and toileting independently.

Please practice phonic sounds regularly using the sounds mat sent home at the end of Autumn 1. New sounds introduced each week are stuck in your child's Reading Record books.

Please remember to read **5 times a week** with your child. This extra practise at home really does make a difference and children receive a sticker and 2 team points each week for their 5 reads.

Days out and things to do:	Books to read:	Things to watch:
Autumn Woodland Walks: Take a stroll through local parks or woodlands. Children can hunt for colorful fallen leaves, pinecones, and acorns to build an "Autumn Treasure Bag." **Light & Celebration Trails:** Keep an eye out for local light displays, lantern walks, or low-bang family firework events around Bonfire Night and early winter. **Visits to Farm Parks:** Places like Marsh Farm or Barleylands are great for seeing animals, enjoying seasonal autumn events, and learning about how animals prepare for winter. **Community & Library Events:** Check your local library or community centers for special storytelling sessions, craft mornings, or holiday events linked to Diwali and Christmas. **Winter Window Walks:** As the darker evenings arrive and festive lights start going up, take a short evening walk around your neighborhood to spot decorated windows and colorful lights.	Why not pop to the local library and borrow some books that link to our theme? *Kipper's Birthday* by Mick Inkpen  Room on the Broom by Julia Donalson  *Binny's Diwali* by Thrity Umrigar 	Lets Celebrate https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/shows/lets-celebrate It's time to celebrate Diwali - JoJo and Gran Gran https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/watch/jjgg-celebrate-diwali Christmas Panto! CBeebies Christmas Panto - Episode guide Fireworks Wolly and Tig https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/b01rh7t1/woolly-and-tig-series-2-18-fireworks?seriesId=unsliced