



# Wootton Bassett Infants' School

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Dear Parents,

This term our topic is called 'Sensational Seasons' where we will be learning about all the changes in the seasons, exploring colour and looking at shadows and things in the dark. We will explore the use of colour in our artwork and we will be identifying colours in nature when we go on an autumn walk around the school grounds. We will be looking at books such as "We're Going on a Leaf Hunt", "Tree" and "Stick Man".

This is a particularly busy term, and we will be learning about Bonfire Night, Remembrance Day and Hannukah. As we move towards Christmas, we will be looking at the Christmas story, creating some Christmas crafts and listening to seasonal stories. We will look at where Father Christmas lives on a map and the children will have an opportunity to write a letter to send in our post box. In our number work we will continue to focus on subitising (using our "fast eyes") and how numbers are made, as well as learning about 2D and 3D shapes and repeating patterns.

We will continue to work with Premier Sports this term for PE. This will be a mixture of indoors and outdoors so please make sure all PE kits contain appropriate clothing for both. Trainers are preferable for outside use. The children will continue to explore the outdoor area throughout this term so will need to bring in some wellies. They also need to wear a coat in every day as we go outside whatever the weather!

As always, we will listen to your child read in class, but please ensure you are reading and recording in your child's reading diary at home. We will be recapping some of the Phase 2 sounds so please use the phonics booklets and practise writing letters, starting in the correct place.

Finally, it is sad for us to say goodbye to Miss Crimp this term. Miss Crimp will be leaving us to get ready to welcome her new baby on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November. We will miss her very much but will keep in touch through the year to share news with the children. Mrs Bowditch will be teaching the children Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesday afternoon, and Miss Macaulay will be teaching Wednesday morning, Thursdays, and Fridays.

Yours sincerely

The Reception Teachers