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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 Diwali. 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 explore many Christmas traditions. 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 information in the reading record and practise writing letters, using Letterjoin for support.

Finally, we finish with both good and sad news. Miss Cohoon, one of our teaching assistants, left us on Friday 3rd November. We will miss her so much in the class however we wish her every success in her future endeavours. On a positive note, Mrs Thomas will be joining us to support some of the children beginning Monday 6th November. We are also looking forward to welcoming back Miss Crimp from her Maternity Leave. Miss Crimp will be starting on Friday 17th November. From the following week (20th November), Mrs Bowditch will teach her class Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesday mornings, and Miss Crimp will teach Wednesday afternoon, Thursdays, and Fridays.

Yours sincerely

The Reception Teachers