

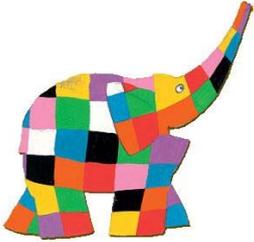
Reception Newsletter

November 2012

Learning Focus

Our learning focus for this half term is 'Colour and Light'. We will be doing lots of exciting things including visiting St Laurence Church. We will also be watching 'The Chameleon', a short film by the British Film Institute, to support the children's learning through visual literacy. We will have a particular focus to do with 'Colour and Light' each week:

29th October:	Autumn
5th November:	Bonfires and Fireworks
12th November:	Elmer the Elephant
19th November:	Winter Art
26th November:	Light and Celebrations
3rd December:	Chameleon
10th December:	Nativity



Keeping Warm



Even as the weather changes we encourage children to make full use of their outdoor environment. Can we please ask that all children in Reception have a warm coat, which is named.

Children may also bring in a pair of named wellington boots which may be left in school.



Spare clothing

Children sometimes need a change of clothing whilst in school and we are able to use uniform and underwear that have been kindly donated by parents. We are currently in need of boys' and girls' underwear and socks as well as trousers, skirts and tights for 4-5 year olds. If you have any of these items that your child no longer needs, we would be very grateful if you could pass them on to your child's teacher.

Learning about faiths

An important part of the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum is that children begin to know about similarities and differences between themselves and others, and among families, communities and traditions. As we are a church school, the children have lots of opportunities to learn about the Christian faith. If you have knowledge or experience of another religion and you would be happy to talk to the children about this, we would really value your insight. Please speak to your child's teacher if you would be happy to come into school and talk to the children about this over the next few weeks.

Nativity Play

A special part of being a member of St Laurence Church Infant School is that every child helps their year group to perform a Nativity Play each December. Children have started to learn the Nativity songs and will soon find out which role they will be playing. Every role is special and helps us to think about an important time of the year. Children may be acting, singing, dancing or speaking. If your child is asked to speak in the Nativity Play, we will be sending words home for them to learn, off by heart, and would appreciate it if you could help them to do this.



Thank you, from the Reception Team:

Mrs McFall, Mrs Baban, Mrs Hodgkiss, Mrs Meara, Miss Pickering, Mrs Perry, Mrs Wells and Miss Hall