

Homework

The children will be bringing home Learning Journals with a homework wheel inside. The wheel provides an idea for an activity to be completed once a week. Learning Journals should be handed in every Thursday and will be returned on Friday. The journals may be used for sharing anything the children do over the weekend too. If they want to write, draw pictures or stick photos in, we are always happy to share these with the class. Thank you in advance for supporting your child with their homework — we really appreciate this!

WOW Slips

Thank you for bringing these from home; we enjoy reading what the children have achieved. Please keep these coming in so that we can continue to celebrate your child's learning at home.



Reminders

- Please make sure your child arrives between 8:40 and 8:50 am.
- Please remember to leave a message on the absence line if your child is not well enough to come to School.
- Please could all clothing, including shoes, be clearly named.
- Please place all books into the boxes outside the classrooms in the morning when they are ready to be changed.



Joy Lane Primary School Year R Newsletter

Terms 3 and 4

Welcome back to Term 3! This booklet will give you a brief overview of the exciting learning opportunities we have coming over the next two terms. We hope you agree that last term was a fun packed one and the children really made us proud in their Christmas Shows. We are now looking forward to Term 3 as the children continue to develop and grow.



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Year R Learning Themes

In the Early Years Foundation Stage we like to follow the children's interests and ideas. As a starting point we will be focusing on the following topics:

Term 3 - Let it Snow



During Term 3, we will be looking at the changing seasons. This will inspire our learning with a cold theme. The children will participate in ice investigations, create snowy artwork and investigate their Arctic role play corners. Our learning will be inspired by stories and films such as 'Lost and Found', 'Frozen' and we will participate in a mini topic inspired by 'The Snowman'.

Term 4 - Rumble in the Jungle

In Term 4, we will start our new topic, 'Rumble in the Jungle'. The children will be exploring their Jungle role play corners and pretending to be explorers. We will be writing packing lists and drawing maps to support our adventures. Stories such as 'Monkey Puzzle', 'Rumble in the Jungle' and 'Walking through the Jungle' will be used to inspire the children's learning. We will use characters from The Jungle Book to help the children write character descriptions and get into roles themselves.



Writing



The children will continue to receive phonics lessons daily. They will revisit and recap Phase 2 Letters and Sounds and begin learning the letters from Phase 3. We hope to see the children writing more this term, using the sounds they have learnt. As Term 4 progresses, the children will be encouraged to start to write in short sentences.

Mathematics

The children will begin simple calculations this term. We will be learning to complete simple addition by counting how many altogether in two groups. We will also begin to look at simple subtraction using physical objects to help us with our problem solving. We will revisit using the resource 'Numicon' to help with their addition and subtraction. The children will also be solving problems using weight and length. Wherever possible, we will be linking Mathematics to our topic work, with the children adding and subtracting using snowballs, snowmen and snowman buttons.



Expressive Arts



We hope the snowy topic will inspire lots of snow themed art work this term. The children will also receive a visit from 'KIC' Theatre, where they will take part in a drama workshop focusing on 'A Winter Wonderland.'



The World

We will be exploring and experimenting with ice. The children will develop their vocabulary through hands-on learning opportunities using ice. They will also be solving problems such as releasing characters from ice balls as quickly as possible.