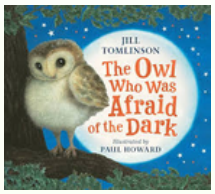
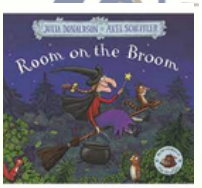
ST JAMES' Church of England ACADEMY

AUTUMN TERM 2







CLASS RK– RECEPTION

We have a super busy half term ahead! The children will be learning about Diwali, Remembrance day and Bonfire night, as well as preparing for our Nativity performance. In addition, the children will continue their learning independently through play activities which will reflect their interests and learning needs, and we may adapt topics to cater for children's interests.

Communication/ Language

We will be engaging in circle time daily, through which we will be continuing working on language targets. We will encourage the children to develop their vocabulary and speak in full sentences.

Mathematics

In Maths this half term we are focusing on 2D shapes and the composition of numbers to 5. We will look at how the numbers can be represented in different ways and what is 1 more/ 1 less than each.
Through our shape work we will be looking at the names of the shapes, how they are made, how we can join them together to make new shapes and where we can see them in our environment.

Literacy

Our focus texts for this half term are the stories 'Room on the Broom', 'Stickman' and 'The Owl Who was Afraid of the Dark'. We will be completing tasks in relation to these stories and learning the vocabulary.
We will be continuing our journey on the 'Read Write Inc' Phonics programme, learning our new letter sounds, including some 'special friends'. When we learn a sound we will be learning what it looks like, how we say it and also having a go at writing each one. We will also be learning how to blend sounds together to hear words with the help of Fred the frog. We call this 'Fred talk'.

R.E.

We will learn why Christians perform Nativity plays at Christmas, and the importance of the Nativity story.

Expressive Arts

We will be making firework pictures, Diya lamps and Rangoli patterns for Diwali, acting out our key stories, creating poppies and junk modelling using cutting and sticking.

PSED

Our Jigsaw topic for this half term is 'Celebrating Difference'. During Jigsaw lessons we will promote mindfulness and develop pupils' well-being. We will work on developing good relationships with friends, encouraging kindness and respect (two of our key Christian values).

Understanding the World

We will learn why we celebrate bonfire night. We will be making poppies for our remembrance day assembly, and we will be learning about Diwali, making lamps and food tasting.

Reading books

In the next few weeks we will send reading books home on a Friday, to be returned the following Friday. At first these will be simple sound books and then they will progress onto blending books. Later in the school year they will begin to bring home 'proper' reading books. We will also send home a library book for you to share and enjoy over the weekend, to be returned on a Friday as well.

Physical development

We will encourage good hygiene and independence with shoes and coats. Please could you also practise these skills at home? We will also be learning movements and dances to go with the songs in our Nativity.

Thank you!

Any voluntary contributions of 50p per week would be greatly appreciated. This money is used to buy resources such as play dough or baking ingredients. Thank you in advance!

Important messages

- Please make sure you write your child's name in all clothing items including shoes.
- As the weather gets colder and wetter, please ensure your child has appropriate outerwear, as we will still be learning outside.