



Early Years at New Hartley First School

Reception Parent Information Sheet

Autumn 2



Dates for your diary

05.11.25 - Non-uniform- Christmas Fair donations

14.11.25 - Children in Need

09.12.25 - Reception Stay and Play (More information to come out)

11th and 12th Dec – Christmas Songs at the Memorial Hall

17th Dec – Early Years Christmas Party – Christmas clothes

18th Dec – Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas lunch

19th Dec – End of term



Reminders:

- Please ensure your child brings items to keep them warm as we go outside in **ALL weathers** – also ensure these are **ALL named!**
- Bookbags need to be brought daily
- PE days are Thursday and Friday
- Library is Thursday

This half term our theme is...

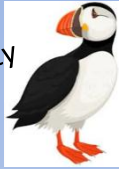
Celebrations!



Our school character virtues

Polly Puffin

Positivity



Eddie Elephant

Empathy



Hugo Hedgehog

Honesty



Dotty Dragonfly

Determination



Rosie Rabbit

Respect



Prime Areas –

Communication and language, Personal, social and emotional development and Physical Development

Over this half term, we will be learning about different celebrations. We will learn how different people and different parts of the world believe and celebrate in different things.

We will celebrate our uniqueness.

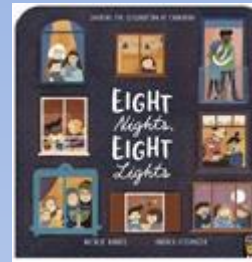
We will listen carefully to different stories, talking about what we have heard and expressing our own thoughts and opinions.

We will continue to develop our friendships. We will work on understanding the importance of sharing and taking turns to make things fair and how this can affect our feelings in positive and negative ways. We will talk about keeping healthy.

Our **Fine motor development** is a key area we need to work on this half term. So we will be introduced to a new intervention programme called Pegs to paper, where we will be building muscle strength in our fingers and further developing our pencil grip. We will continue Dough Disco and squiggle and trying to write on a large scale frequently.

We will continue to enjoy PE.

Some of the books we will enjoy this half term are;



Specific Areas – **Literacy, Mathematics, Understanding of the World, Expressive Arts and Design**

We will have phonics lessons daily. Our phonic lessons will concentrate on recapping previous taught sounds and introducing new set 1 sounds. We will also be working on blending and segmenting words. Ideally, we would like **all children to be blending words independently by Christmas.**

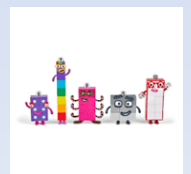
Every day we will be working on recognising and writing our names. We will continue to enjoy Drawing club, reading our story vote books and retelling our favourite stories. We will encourage the children to mark make and give meanings to their marks, hopefully using some letters to represent words.

In Maths, we will continue to work hard on numbers 0-5, looking at subitising and composition. We will be naming and using 2D shapes and working on positional language.

In Understanding of the World we will be developing our knowledge of a variety of festivals of light including bonfire night, Diwali and Hannukah, we will use BBC Let's Celebrate to support our learning.

We will enjoy charanga music sessions where we build up our knowledge of beats and rhythm as well as learning Christmas songs for our Christmas song performance at the Memorial Hall.

We will make cards and calendars using a variety of art skills.

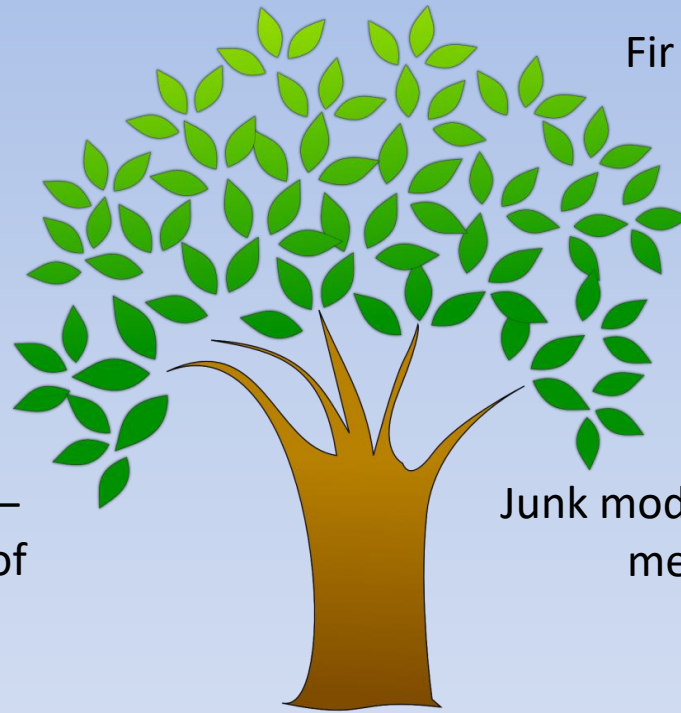


Our Wish Tree

Stickers, sequins,
envelopes, note pads,
stampers

Pom poms

Fir cones for Christmas
crafts



Playdough ingredients –
plain flour, salt, cream of
tartar, food colouring

Junk modelling – no nut produce or
medicine boxes please

The idea of our little wish tree is to let you know at home some of the small items we use a lot of at school and if you could occasionally add them to your shopping list or collect them at home and bring them in we would be very grateful. There is no pressure to donate. Thank you.