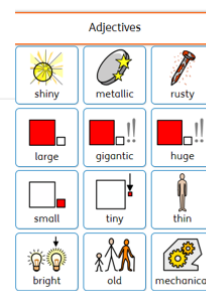


Dear parents and carers,

I hope you had an enjoyable half term break, it has been wonderful to welcome the children back to school. There has been a very calm and settled feeling around school throughout the day. This half term we begin our Fantastic Festivals topic where the children will learn about different celebrations and events such as Diwali and Remembrance Day. This is one of my favourite topics and one where you will usually find classrooms and children covered in glitter as we create a range of artwork inspired by the different festivals.

We had a very productive training day on Monday, we looked at our three main priorities for school development this year:

- **Reasonable adjustments for children with additional needs** – We looked at different things we could use to support children's learning and focused in particular on how to use a communication tool called Widget. This is a tool that uses symbols to go alongside words to aid children's communication, understanding and learning. Over the next few weeks, you will hopefully see the use of symbols across the school and within the children's work.
- **Enhancing the Reading culture** – We looked at the Reading Framework, this is a document created by the Department for Education (DfE) and we thought about how we can improve the reading culture across school. We looked at the importance of reading areas and staff had some time to make improvements to their reading areas.
- **Enrichment opportunities for the children** – We created an 'Overdale Experience' of all the things we would like the children to experience during their time at Overdale Infant School this includes engaging in different sports activities, finding out about different careers, cooking, outdoor learning and visits to the local area. We will share more information about this shortly including ways you will be able to become involved and share your views on the suggested enrichment opportunities.



## Class Assemblies

Next week we will have the first of our class assemblies, we are looking forward to parents being part of the assemblies and finding out about what the children have been learning. Class assemblies will start promptly at 9:20 and may last around 30 minutes. Unfortunately photographs and video recordings will not be permitted during the assembly but there will be an opportunity for this at the end of the assembly.

Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Orange Class
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	Yellow Class
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Red Class
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	Gold Class
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Green Class
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> January	Indigo Class
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> January	Violet Class
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	Blue Class
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	Rainbow 1
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	Rainbow 2
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Rainbow 3

## Class Dojo

Thank you all so much for joining Class Dojo, recent feedback from parents has shown that communication is beginning to improve. Class Dojo will be our main form of communication and communication through Parent Pay will become more limited. Parents who are not on Class Dojo may miss useful information and reminders about events in school. Please contact [reception@overdale-inf.leicester.sch.uk](mailto:reception@overdale-inf.leicester.sch.uk) if you need any support logging on or if you have any concerns around signing up.



Class	% of parents on DoJo
R1	94%
R2	94%
R3	88%
Indigo	94%
Green	74%
Blue	94%
Violet	97%
Red	90%
Yellow	90%
Orange	94%
Gold	100%



## Dates for your diary

Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need – Children to wear brightly coloured clothes.
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	Arts Week – more information to follow
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Flu vaccinations No reading session on this day.
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception Nativity pm 1:45pm–2:45pm
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception Nativity am 9:20am–10:20am
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 1 Party
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Pre-school party
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception Party
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Trip to Pantomime
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	Year 2 Party
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December	Church visit School closes for Christmas.

Next week, I am looking forward to being able to share with you feedback from our Growing Together Day on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October. This is a day where Senior leaders from our Trust visited the school, observe lessons and met with leaders to look at areas of strength and areas of development.

Take Care,

Mrs Holme