

# Year R Curriculum News



*'Celebrating Learning for Life Together'*

## Autumn 2 2011

Look inside for some ideas  
on how you can support your  
child's learning at home...

**Reminders:**

**15 November 2011**

Open Day

9:30 am - 10:30 am or 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

**21 November 2011**

Inset Day

**26 November 2011**

Friends of Hazel Wood Christmas Fayre

**12 December 2011**

Year R Christmas Performance

9:30 am

Our themes for this half term will initially be 'Light and Colour' and this will then lead into 'M' is for Mixing. We will be learning about fire safety, light and dark, and colours. We will continue to look at colour and think about how we can mix colours to make other colours, mix foods, sounds, materials and anything else the children can suggest. Finally, we will learn the Christmas story through our Christmas production.



## MATHS

We will be learning about finding 1 more and 1 less than a given number. We will also be looking at 2D and 3D shapes. See if you can find different objects around the home or outside and begin to name them e.g. cube, cylinder, sphere, cone, cuboid, square, circle, triangle, and rectangle.

## KNOWLEDGE & UNDERSTANDING

The children will learn how to join boxes together using tape to make a model of their choice.

We will also be using our senses to create magic potions. This will involve us finding natural objects, colours and different smells.

See if you can find objects at home to smell, touch, look at and listen to. Discuss with your child what they have found out.

## PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

To develop your child's fine and gross motor skills you may like to make play dough (plenty of recipes online). Your child can enjoy kneading and manipulating the dough. You may like to add different colours and fragrances

## CREATIVE DEVELOPMENT

We will be looking carefully at how we can make paint thick and thin by adding different materials like flour and sand to create different textures.

We will also be mixing coloured paint to see what colours we can make. Enjoy going on a colour walk and see if your child can name all the colours they can see in both natural objects and man made. Do they know red and yellow make orange, blue and yellow make green and blue and red make purple?

## ENGLISH

Visit your local library to see if you can find out about the Christmas story. We will begin to learn the first sounds in phonics. We will use the sounds we have learnt to begin to sound out and blend 2 and 3 letter words to read them. We will also begin to form the letters as we learn the sounds. We are going to make patterns, lists, fill in forms, write cards and notes, thinking carefully about how we form the letters and what sound we can hear first in a word.

See if you can play eye spy at home to encourage your child to hear the first sounds in words. They could then enjoy writing these sounds down. Please continue to enjoy sharing stories with a grown up or an older sibling.