

Kirkstead Class – November 2025

Welcome back. We hope you and your child had a restful and fun-filled half term. We are now set to leap into a new term bursting with exciting learning and magical moments together.



Topic We'll be lighting up our learning with Bonfire Night and Christmas fun!

From fireworks to festive cheer, we'll discover how different people celebrate special times in their own unique ways. We'll explore kindness, sharing, and how to be a good friend through our own experiences and through stories. We will be naming and describing people who are familiar to us and important members of our community. We will be identifying different types of animals and their characteristics and comparing these to humans. We will be exploring people from the past through stories, pictures and accounts. Now the nights are darker, we'll learn how to stay safe when it's dark and understand the importance of fire safety—especially around Bonfire Night. We will also brighten our classroom with an explosion of colour as the children enhance their colour mixing skills.



Reading and Phonics The children have settled beautifully into classroom routines and are thriving in their daily phonics sessions. Last term, they enjoyed sharing wordless books at home, sparking imagination and storytelling with their families. This term, we're excited to introduce worded phonics books that include sounds your child has been learning in class. Each book will have been explored with an adult at school before

coming home, giving your child a confident start to their reading journey. We hope you enjoy these special reading moments together and celebrate the fantastic progress your child is making. Please record all reading in your child's 'Home School Record' as dojo points are awarded for daily reading. In addition, they will continue to take home a 'sharing' book that they will not be able to read independently and is designed to be shared with a grown-up. They may, of course, choose to read something they have at home for this instead.



Mathematics This term, our young mathematicians will continue building their counting skills from 1 to 10 using objects, songs, sounds, and actions. They will explore comparing quantities using key vocabulary like *more than*, *fewer than*, and *equal number*. They will also explore the idea of wholes and parts—learning that big things are often made of smaller pieces. Their learning will be supported by the programme Numberblocks and lots of hands-on learning with manipulatives. They will also be exploring shapes this term too.



Forest School The children enjoyed last terms Forest School sessions.

These weekly sessions will continue to take place on a Tuesday and Thursday afternoon. As the weather turns chillier, we want to make sure everyone stays warm and cosy while exploring. Please send in additional clothing for the season—extra layers, gloves, a hat, scarf, and an additional pair of socks will help keep the children toasty. All clothing will be sent home at the end of this term.



P.E. In PE the children will be making controlled movements. They will be following a simple pattern. They will be joining a range of different movements together. We will be creating a short movement phrase with their own ideas. PE will take place every week on **Tuesday**. Please send your child to school in their **named** PE kit. The children will remain in PE kit for the whole of the day.

Homework Homework will continue to be given out each Friday in the homework folder and it is expected to be back in school on the following Thursday.

Drop off/Pick Up The day will start with the children coming in through the KS1 gate which will be open at **8.35am**. Please bring your child straight to the white classroom door where a familiar adult will be waiting to welcome them into school. At home time, the KS1 gate will be opened at **3:10pm** and the children will be collected from the classroom door at **3.15pm**. If someone other than the usual person will be picking up your child after school, please let us know.

We are looking forward to a fantastic term and a fabulous Nativity. We can't wait to see your child thrive and grow. Let's make it a term to remember!

Kind Regards, Mrs Nicholson, Mrs Allitt, Miss Rogers & Mrs Darici