



Reception/Year 1 Newsletter Advent 2 Term

Welcome to a new term

Welcome to a new term at English

Martyrs'. We hope you have had an enjoyable half term and the children are rested ready for what promises to be a busy run up to Christmas season!

All the children are now settled and used to the daily routines. The children are now selecting their own reading books from a range within the same stage (recognised by a coloured sticker). This means that your child can change their own book as soon as they are ready, provided there is evidence in the Home School diary that the book has been read. We would suggest that children might be ready to change their book 2-3 times a week.

As the children will be selecting their own books, this may mean that they choose to read the same book more than once. We are continually assessing children's reading: both their decoding skill and their comprehension skills. Therefore we will move them onto the next stage of books as appropriate.

Please take the time to look in the front of your child's reading diary. Inside you will find their homework for this half term and their own personal targets.

Finally thank you to all for your continued support.

Please do not hesitate to talk to us regarding questions or concerns.

Other information

Our topic this half term

is:

'What do people celebrate?' This is a History/Understanding of the World based topic where we will be thinking about past celebrations and significant historical figures. As the term moves on we will be entering the season of Advent. The children will be focusing on the story of the Nativity and how we can prepare to celebrate the birth of

We are learning about different celebrations such as Bonfire Night, Birthdays and Christmas. We will also be learning about the Jewish faith and their celebration of light-Hanukkah.

PE will be on a Thursday, the children will need a named PE kit in a clearly named bag. PE kits will stay in school during term time and will be sent home for washing during the holidays.

Mrs Chibbaro
and Miss Mitchell

