

**Term 2- Light and Dark:**

The theme for our wider curriculum this term is Light and Dark. Children will be finding out about Diwali (the festival of light) and how people celebrate it. As fireworks are part of both Diwali and Bonfire Night celebrations, we will be learning a little about fire safety and the role of the fire brigade at these events. We will then be exploring natural light sources such as the sun, moon and stars and linking this to day and night. Discussions about day and evening activities such as good sleep routines and tooth brushing will also take place. Children will then search for artificial light sources and enjoy a glow in the dark party. We will end the term by sharing the Nativity story and taking part in the Academy's usual Christmas/Winter traditions.



**ClassDojo**

ClassDojo is a platform that teachers use to communicate information about learning with videos and pictures. These will be shared on the 'Class Story' feed. We are always pleased to find out about your child's achievements outside of school and photographs regarding these can be messaged directly to your child's class teacher via 'Messages.' Read Write Inc Phonics video links will be shared on Class Dojo on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.



**Phonics:**

The children are enjoying their Read Write Inc Phonics lessons and have now learnt a range of individual letter sounds. They have also been working hard to write each sound using the correct formation. Blending these sounds to read two and three letter words will be a focus for this term.

**Mathematics:**

Children have explored numbers 1-5 in great detail and will be moving on to numbers 6 and 7 this term. They will be improving their subitising skills (knowing how many objects within a set without counting) and using the part-part whole method to partition numbers. Number bonds to 5 and adding and subtracting one will also be a focus.

We will be learning to identify and name basic 2d shapes and use them to create repeating patterns.



*The happiness of your child is most important to us. If you have any concerns about your child, please do not hesitate to contact their class teacher.*

Please keep checking your ParentHub account for other important communication. Our website also has key information regarding the Academy. More in depth planning can be found under curriculum [www.huntingtowerprimary.co.uk](http://www.huntingtowerprimary.co.uk)

**OUR ROUTINES**

P.E	<b>WEDNESDAYS</b>	P.E-please wear Academy PE kit for the day and have earrings removed or covered with plasters.
Reading	<b>EVERYDAY</b>	Please write in the red Reading Record.

Children should come to school each day with a book bag, appropriate coat and a school water bottle (no squash or fizzy drinks). Could we ask that water bottles **are not** put in book bags. Please carry them separately.

Now the weather has turned cooler, please could children bring hats, scarves and gloves when necessary.

