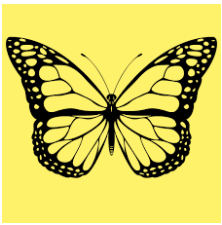
Year R Newsletter



Term 2 2026

Our Topic for Term 2 is:

Fairy Tales and Festivals

In Communication and Language this term, we will be: listening to and retelling a variety of traditional tales, with a focus on using story language such as, 'Once upon and time…' and '…they all lived happily ever after'.

In Personal, Social and Emotional Development, we will be: continuing to build respectful and constructive relationships through sharing and turn taking. We will be exploring the behaviours and personalities of different characters from traditional tales and talking about the feelings of ourselves and others.

In Physical Development, we will be: using a range of small tools, including scissors, paint brushes and modelling tools to make clay diva lamps, Christmas cards and decorations. We will be developing our overall body strength, co-ordination, balance and agility in our PE lessons, Forest School sessions and on the climbing frame and bikes.

In Mathematics this term we will be: exploring a range of teacher directed and child-led activities. We will be continuing to develop our subitising skills (the ability to recognise a number of objects without counting). We will be using this skill to help us with simple addition and subtraction.

In Literacy this term we will be: using our print and letter knowledge to write Christmas lists and label objects from traditional stories. We will be practising writing our names and beginning to write some letters correctly. In our daily phonics lessons, we will be practising segmenting and blending words for reading and writing.

For more information about what your child is learning this term, please visit:
https://cliftonvilleprimaryschool.secure-primarysite.net/curriculum-1/

If you have a concern about your child's learning, please initially speak to their teacher at the end of the day or contact Mrs Hill to arrange a meeting or phone call.

For more information about SEND, please visit: Special Educational Needs & Disability | Cliftonville Primary & Pre-School

PE

Your child will have PE every Wednesday.

Children will need a pair of named plimsolls in school at all times.

Forest School

Your child will have a Forest School session each week.

Monday pm: Green and Red Class

Wednesday pm: Blue and Yellow Class

Please ensure your child wears black joggers or black leggings, their white polo shirt and a school jumper to ensure arms and legs are covered for climbing.

Your child will need a pair of wellies and a puddle suit in school at all times.

HOME LEARNING

Year group	Homework task	Day of the week set	Day of the week to be completed
Year R	Reading at home a minimum of three times a week.	Please add a comment and signature to the reading record whenever you hear your child read.	
	Weekly home learning challenge.	Friday	To be shared in class the following Friday.

Dates for your diary

Term 2 Come and Read sessions are on Thursdays 2:45pm-3pm starting on Thursday 5th November

Monday 2nd November	First day of Term 2
Wednesday 11th November	Remembrance Day
Wednesday 11th November	Parent Consultation meetings
Thursday 12th November	Parent Consultations meetings
Friday 13th November	Children in Need Day (more information to follow)
Thursday 10th December	Year R and Year 1 Nativity – more information to follow
Friday 11th December	Year R and Year 1 Nativity – more information to follow
Friday 11th December	PTFA Christmas Fair
w/c 14th December	Christmas parties will be held this week - more information to follow
Friday 18th December	Last day of Term 2
Monday 4th January 2027	First Day of Term 3

Polite reminder: The four Year R classes mix every day and children remove their jumpers and cardigans regularly. Every jumper and cardigan looks the same and therefore, if the jumper or cardigan is **NOT** named, it is not likely to find its way home! This applies to all of your child's possessions! Handwritten is fine or you may wish to purchase a stamp similar to this: Easycosy Name Stamp for Clothes Kids Back to School Supplies Waterproof Quick & Easy Child Name Labels Personalised Stamp for Clothing Uniform First Day at School Gifts : Amazon.co.uk: Home & Kitchen