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Dear Parents and Carers,

Our topic focus for this term is 'Owl Babies' linked to light and dark. We have already enjoyed learning The Gunpowder Plot, Diwali and Armistice Day. Later in the term we would like to find out about the different jobs/employment that people do at night. If you would be able to come and talk to the children about your job, or if you have any other skills that could help us with our learning this term, then please let us know. Full details of the activities planned for this term can be found on the school website.

Reading Volunteers: We would welcome help with hearing children read in school so if you have an hour or two to offer please let us know. Volunteers will need a DBS (CRB) clearance with Bristol City Council and this can be arranged through the school office. Full training will be given and the children will be very pleased to show off their wonderful reading skills to you!

Forest School: Forest school begins on Monday 19th November with the Blue Teams from each class visiting Arnos Vale with Mrs Caudwell. Letters have gone home to children involved and we apologise that we have had to cancel the first session on November 19th due to unforeseen circumstances. If your child is not involved this term they will have their sessions in either Term 4, 5 or 6. We will need 3 or more adult helpers who can commit to helping on Monday afternoons (1pm – 3pm). Please let us know if you would be able to help.

Reverse Advent Calendar: During December we would like to make a collection for a local foodbank and will be asking the children to donate an item of food during Advent. Every child receives a chocolate coin from the Advent Calendar regardless of whether they bring in a donation or not. More details to follow.

Theatre Visit

On Friday 30th November in the afternoon we have booked for the children in Reception and Year 1 to visit the Bristol Old Vic for a performance of 'The Colour Catcher'. A letter will follow shortly detailing costs and help needed on the day.

Christmas Nativity Performances: We will be joining our friends in Year 1 to perform our Christmas Nativity on Thursday 13th December at 6pm and Friday 14th December at 1.30pm. More details to follow soon.

Family Learning Conferences: These will be held on January 22nd and 24th (3.30 – 6.00pm). You will be able to book a slot online nearer the time.

Saying goodbye at the classroom door

From Monday 19th November we would like the children to say goodbye to parents and carers at the Reception gate or classroom door. Now that the children have settled into school we feel they are ready for this next step. Please use the next week to prepare your child for this small change to the morning routine.

With very best wishes for a happy and successful term.

The Reception Team

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