



# Diamonds



## Welcome to Diamonds!

We've had a wonderful start to the school year with our new starters in Diamonds 1 and 2! We're incredibly proud of how well the children have settled into full-time school life. Each day, they're growing in confidence and independence, and it's been a joy to watch them flourish.

Miss Martin and Miss Shaw

## Curriculum

In Diamonds we've been exploring the theme of "Our Home". This half-term, our focus has been on the question: "What makes me special?" The children have enjoyed learning about; different types of families and homes, the celebration of Diwali, what it means to belong and our local area Carlton. They've also created stunning art pieces inspired by the vibrant style of Alma Thomas.



Looking ahead to next half-term, we'll be investigating "How does our environment change?" The children will be learning all about Autumn, different occupations, woods and forests and of course, the magic of Christmas!



Keep an eye on Class Dojo – we'll be sharing photos of our fabulous displays showcasing the children's amazing work!

## Carlton Library

We visit the library every 3 weeks in Diamonds. Our first visit is the 10<sup>th</sup> November so please ensure you have completed the library form so your child can take home a book.



## PE Kit and Uniform

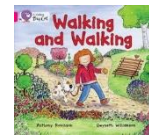
Please ensure your child is wearing the correct uniform every day!

PE is on Wednesday, and the children should come to school in their PE kit which includes a plain white top, and plain black bottoms.

## Reading Books

Please can reading books be bought in EVERYDAY! If you read with your child can you please sign the diary, this can be as little as a smiley face ☺

As the children becoming more confident with their phonics and reading books we will aim to change them weekly. Please don't worry if your child's book isn't changed, as this could mean they just need a little more practice before moving on to a new book.



## Phonics

In Diamonds, we deliver daily phonics lessons following the Pearl Phonics programme. This half-term, the children have been working hard on Phase 2 phonics; learning new phonemes and practising their segmenting and blending skills.

To support their learning children are encouraged to take home their phonics sheets which include the phoneme of the day and words that feature it.

After half-term, we'll be consolidating Phase 2 to ensure a strong foundation before moving forward. We're so proud of the progress the children are making— keep up the fantastic work!



## Dates for the Diary!

City Library Visit - Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> November

EYFS Nativity - Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 9:30am  
Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December 1:30pm

Pantomime Trip - Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December

EYFS Christmas Party - Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December