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Dear Parents and Carers,

Musician Becki Driscoll

All the classes learned the 'Autumn Round', had a go at the dance to the 'Buttered Peas' music and played instruments in a band to accompany 'Buttered Peas'. Swans and Zebras enjoyed creating some new verses for a harvest song.

Forest School

The Year One children have been enjoying exploring the natural environment, creating a swing, building dens and cooking up some mud pies!

Harvest Crafts and Singing

Thank you to all parents and carers who came along to watch the children sing and help with their Autumnal crafts. Everyone enjoyed tasting the delicious Autumn soup that the children had made.

Nursery – Shared Reading

This term, the Year 2 children are visiting the Nursery each week to read and share books as part of the schools aim to foster a love of books and reading.

Topics

Reception – Exploring Autumn
Year One – Moon Zoom
Year Two – Flickering Flames and Twinkling Lights

Swimming After School Clubs

Our after-school swimming clubs have now finished. If your child currently attends swimming club they will automatically be allocated a place on Monday's Board Games Club or Wednesday's Film Club.

Please see below a list of all available clubs if you would like your child to attend a club, please email adminilfracombe@goodilf.org.uk or telephone 01271 863462 with their name and club choice.

Board Games	Years 1 & 2	Monday	Collection from Zebras
Forest School	Years 1 & 2	Monday	Collection from Top Playground

Colouring	Years 1 & 2	Monday	Collection from Giraffes
Art	Years 1 & 2	Monday	Collection from Swans
Den Building	Years 1 & 2	Tuesday	Collection from Top Playground
Film Club	Years 1 & 2	Wednesday	Collection from Jellyfish

Tuesday 3rd November, Reception Children Visit to Bicclescombe Park

The Reception children will be walking to Bicclescombe Park. Please can you ensure that your child has suitable clothing and footwear. The children will be back in school for lunchtime.

Family Hub

On Tuesday 10th November, Samantha Borley from the Family Hub will be on the bottom playground during morning drop off. This is a great opportunity for parents and carers to have an informal chat, find out about local services, and receive support and advice on a range of family needs.

Whether you are looking for information about parenting support, children's wellbeing, financial advice, or SEND support the Family Hub will be available to offer guidance and signpost you to the right services.

Parent/Carer Consultations

These will take place the week commencing Monday 9th November.

Lunch Menu

It will be Week One when we return on Monday 2nd November.

Volunteers

We are very grateful to the volunteers that help us. If you would like to become a volunteer, please contact the school office.

Have a lovely half term and we look forward to seeing the children on Monday 2nd November.

Kind regards,

Claire Grant
Executive Headteacher

Diary Dates

Monday 26th October – Friday 30th October	Half Term
Monday 2nd November	Return to School
Monday 2nd November	Year Two visit from Clive PiG Storyteller
Tuesday 3rd November	Reception – Visit to Bicclescombe Park, Ilfracombe
Tuesday 3rd November	Year One – Spaced Themed Workshops
Monday 9th November	Whole School Diwali Celebration
Monday 9th November – Friday 13th November	Parent/Carer Consultations
Wednesday 11th November	Year Two – Visit to Parish Church, Ilfracombe for Remembrance and Armistice Day
Wednesday 11th November	Whole School live event with Author Michael Rosen
Friday 13th November	Children in Need Day
Monday 16th November	Tempest Photography Day
Tuesday 17th November	Whole School - 2026-27 Flu Nasal Spray Vaccinations
Tuesday 8th December	Nursery – Christmas Performance: 10:15am
Tuesday 8th December	Kingfishers – Christmas Performance: 2:15pm
Wednesday 9th December	Swans – Christmas Performance: 9:30am
Wednesday 9th December	Turtles – Christmas Performance: 2:15pm
Thursday 10th December	Giraffes – Christmas Performance: 9:30am
Thursday 10th December	Jellyfish – Christmas Performance: 2:15pm
Friday 11th December	Zebras – Christmas Performance: 9:30am



Hide The Spider

This game is to help your child learn to follow short instructions with concept vocabulary e.g. on, in, under, behind, next to, beside, in front of, first and last.

To play this game cut out the spider or bug pictures attached. You will also need some things to hide the spider 'in', 'on' or 'under' (e.g. a plate, a cup and a box) and a teddy or soft toy to look for the spider.

Put the cup, plate, and box on the floor or table in front of your child. Before you start show your child all the places the spiders could be hidden telling your child as you demonstrate. Explain to your child that you are going to hide the spiders for teddy to find. Tell your child to cover teddy's eyes then hide the picture.

Tell teddy to open his eyes and ask your child to tell teddy where to look first and then after that to find the spiders.

e.g. 'First look under the plate and after that look behind the cup.'

Next let your child be teacher and hide the pictures. Then get your child to give teddy instructions to follow. You may need to remind your child to tell teddy where to look and in the right order.

See if he or she can spot your 'mistakes' e.g. make teddy look in the wrong place.



Variations:

To make this game easier just use the position words, and not first and last.
e.g. 'Look under the plate, look behind the cup.'

To make this game harder introduce before and after
e.g. 'Before you look under the cushion, look behind the cup.'

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