



# Welcome to Conkers Class!

Autumn  
2023

Dear parents and carers,  
Welcome back to the last half term of the year! The half term bursting with glitter, paint, angel costumes and Christmas craziness!! Our topic this half term is 'What a performance!', in eager anticipation of our annual pantomime trip to see 'Jack and the Beanstalk' at the York Theatre Royal on the 14<sup>th</sup> December. Exciting times ahead!  
Mrs Bennett and Mr Mortimer

## Dates for your Diary

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November - Reception 'stay and play'

### Drawing Club

We are VERY excited about bringing the magic of the 'Drawing Club' to our youngest children. Children love a club and the 'Drawing Club' harnesses this enthusiasm in a literary manner! The approach essentially uses an exciting book to immerse children into a magic world of tales and story whilst at the same time enriching their language skills, developing their fine motor and spending time together in a group with their teacher. We started the 'Drawing Club' approach this week and the imaginative, independent work that the children have produced has been a delight (maybe it has something to do with our book choice - 'The Hairy Toe' - which they loved!).

## Phonics

The Reception and Year 1 children are progressing wonderfully with their phonics learning. As of the start of this half term, the Year 2 children have 'graduated' from their phonics tuition and are now taking part in the 'Little Wandle' (our chosen phonics scheme) fluency and spelling programme. Once children have mastered their phonics learning, we want them to become readers who can bring the text alive in their minds and voices. Our fluency programme teaches all aspects of reading using vibrant, diverse and engaging chapter books created by contemporary authors and illustrators. Each book has been carefully devised to support children as they progress in reading fluency: making sure every child can become a confident, fluent and

PE continues to be held on Mondays - children may continue to come to school in P.E kits and trainers. On a Friday, children will take part in Forest School Learning. Therefore, children may come to school in warm clothes and bring wellies and waterproofs in a carrier bag. Thank you!