



Reception Autumn Term

Welcome to Reception. The aim of this newsletter is to tell you a little bit more about what is happening in our class over the next term. Most of the themes are initiated from the children's ideas and interests, which are then combined with some of the Early Learning Goals. Hopefully you will get a flavour for the coverage this term enabling you to support your child at home.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We will be following the Jigsaw scheme focusing on the following themes:

- Being Me In My World
- Celebrating Difference

Physical Development

We will be travelling and balancing on different body parts, developing ball skills and matching movements to music. There will be lots of activities in the mornings when we first come in to school to develop our fine-motor skills and pencil control. We will be developing our independence to dress ourselves and wash and dry our hands.

Maths

We will be counting reliably up to 20 or more everyday objects, recognising numerals from 0 to 20 and using appropriate language to compare two quantities. We will be investigating and talking about shapes

Understanding the World

On the computers we will be using a variety of programmes to develop mouse control. We will be talking about some of the things which make us unique and thinking about our families as well as sharing significant events and experiences. We will also be thinking about Autumn and Winter.

Expressive Arts and Design

We are going to paint and print with a variety of media and explore colours and how colours can be changed. We will be singing songs, playing instruments and exploring how sounds can be changed. We will be engaged in role-play based on our own first hand experiences.

Communication and Language

We will be developing our listening and attention skills, responding to simple instructions, joining in with stories and rhymes and extending our vocabulary

Literacy

We will be sharing stories and rhymes and learning to recognize familiar words and signs such as our own name and advertising logos. In our Read Write Inc. phonics sessions we will begin to develop recognition of letter sounds visually and aurally and learn to write the letters.

Religious Education

We will be learning about celebrations and how we prepare for special occasions. e.g. a birthday. Then we will find out about Harvest, Diwali and the story of Jesus' birthday.

How you can help your child this term

Encourage your child to practice writing their name.

Share a book with your child daily. This is an essential part of developing your children's reading.

Encourage counting and number recognition in real life situations. Look at bus numbers, house numbers, numbers in shops, dates, number plates etc.

Encourage your child to become more independent by practising dressing and undressing themselves.

Please ensure your child continues to practise listening to and following instructions given by an adult.

School Reading Books

The first reading books the children receive are picture books that do not have any words. Please share these books with your child regularly encouraging them to:

- Create their own story by using the visual cues
- Ask and answer questions about the pictures
- Make predictions about what might happen next or why it happened etc.
- Turn the pages carefully

These are vital for early reading and are necessary to aid narrative and comprehension skills and to consolidate an understanding of the mechanics of books. Once we feel your child is secure in this we will move them to the next stage.

We appreciate your support and would ask you to read with your child every day for about 5-10 minutes and, if you wish, make a comment. Then please sign and date the reading record. Reading books and reading records need to be brought into school EVERY DAY. Children will have the opportunity to change their book each day and on occasions may wish to choose a book they have had before. After listening to your child read, ask them questions to make sure that they are understanding what they have read.

PE

PE lessons will be on a Thursday & Friday. Earrings must be removed by parents for PE lessons. Please ensure all clothing is named and please be aware that names written in pen do fade in the wash.

Maths Game Packs

Maths game packs are given out weekly. These provide a great opportunity for you to play a Maths game with your child and develop their Mathematical thinking.

Library Books

Children have the opportunity to visit our school library once a week on a Thursday. Please ensure your child has their library book in their school bag on a Thursday, so that they may return their book and choose a new one.