



Autumn Term Newsletter



Here is an overview of what the Reception children will be learning in each area of learning in their first term of school.

Prime Areas

<p>Personal, Social and Emotional Development</p> <p>The children will be making lots of friends and learning how they can play and work together. They will learn to take turns and share with others. The children will work hard to develop independence and to do things for themselves. We will also be encouraging the children's independence with their personal hygiene and dressing. If accidents do occur we use pure, alcohol free, wet wipes. If you would prefer us not to use these on your child, please speak to one of the Reception team.</p>	<p>Physical Development</p> <p>The children will be learning how to hold scissors correctly and improve their control and coordination. There will also be daily opportunities to take part and join in with running, jumping, climbing and riding bikes. The children will take part in PE lessons and learn to develop skills, control and coordination. There will be lots of opportunities for mark making both inside and outside. We are also very excited to have Balanceability lessons this term, developing our skills and coordination on balance bikes.</p>	<p>Communication and Language</p> <p>The children will be practising their listening skills and paying attention to others, using talk to organise, sequence and clarify their thinking. They will have opportunities to listen and respond to stories. They will be encouraged to ask questions and predict what might happen next. This will lead on to them making up their own stories and taking part in role-play activities. Each week we will have a focus word of the week. The adults at school will use the word of the week in conversation and encourage the children to use these words as we broaden and extend vocabulary throughout the year.</p>
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Specific Areas

<p>Literacy</p> <p>The children will be learning lots of new stories and nursery rhymes and retelling them. We will be looking at rhymes and repeating language patterns. The children will learn to recognise some sounds in words and they will be using different equipment to make marks and say what they mean. In Phonics lessons, the children will be hearing and learning how to differentiate sounds. They will also be learning how to match letters to their sounds. <i>Parents are invited to our Reading open morning on Monday 16th September.</i></p>	<p>Mathematics</p> <p>The children will be learning to count, recognise and order numbers. There will be opportunities to apply their number skills within the classroom and the outdoor learning environment. We will be comparing groups of both identical and non-identical objects, saying which group has more or less. We will also be talking about the days of the week and sequencing events through the day. We will also take part in daily mental maths activities focussing on recognising, counting and ordering numbers too.</p>
<p>Understanding the World</p> <p>The children will have the opportunity to share their experiences and their favourite things with their classmates when they each have a turn to take home our 'All About Me' bag. We will be looking at how things change over time and learning about the area that the children live in and its features. The children will also be learning to use a simple program on the computer and to take photographs of work they are proud of.</p>	<p>Expressive Arts</p> <p>There will be lots of opportunities for the children to be creative using a variety of different materials. We will be developing drawing and painting skills and we will learn how to sew as we stitch a stocking for Christmas. We will have lots of fun making music with percussion instruments and singing our favourite and new songs. We will encourage the children to use their imagination and represent their ideas, thoughts and feelings in a variety of ways.</p>

<p>Home Learning Project</p> <p>The children will be invited to dress up as their favourite nursery rhyme character and join in with singing them together as a class. Please prepare them for this day by sharing nursery rhymes at home. Further details to follow.</p>	<p>Some Useful Websites For Home Learning</p> <p>www.phonicsplay.co.uk www.ictgames.com www.crickweb.co.uk/Early-Years.html www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/shows/numberblocks www.primarygamesarena.com/Years/EYFS www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies www.topmarks.co.uk www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/</p>	<p>Things To Do At Home</p> <p>Read books and favourite stories together. Notice numbers around the home - can your child recognise and order them? Sing number songs to practise counting Practise writing names Listen to sounds and practise phonics sounds at home Practise getting dressed in the morning</p>
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If you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask. Thank you for your continued support.