



Reception Parent Curriculum Information Autumn Term 2023

Autumn Term Themes

Our themes during the autumn term are:

- What Makes Me, Me?
- Old and New
- Christmas

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Children will learn the classroom routines and rules. They will explore different parts of school, for example, having P.E. sessions in the hall or visiting the computer room and they will learn expectations for behaviour around school. They will play games that will help them to get to know their classmates and make friends. Children will plan for their own choice of activities and will be supported to develop resilience at persisting at a self-chosen activity.

Communication and Language

Children will listen to stories and re-tell well known stories using familiar phrases or repeated refrains. Children will increasingly listen to and follow verbal instructions that are given. They will learn and use new vocabulary related to our themes for the autumn term, including vocabulary to describe families, names of friends and staff, areas of school, own address, areas of the village, house types and items that are old and new.

Physical Development

Children will develop skills in using single-handed tools, for example, a single hole punch, tweezers, paint rollers, a small wooden hammer and pins, etc. In their P.E. sessions they will be learning to play instructional movement games and parachute games. They will also practise throwing, catching, kicking and passing a ball. Children will learn to change into plimsolls for P.E., then into their full P.E. kit. They will practise forming letters in a range of media. They will have daily dough disco sessions to develop their fine motor muscles.

Literacy

Children will learn to read and write their name. They will know the sound that some letters represent. They will have daily Sounds Write phonic sessions, in which they will learn to segment and blend the sounds in simple words in order to read and write them. They will read simple words in a range of contexts, for example, reading labels and matching to pictures. They will try to write letters or words to label pictures of people in their family.

Mathematics

Children will recap numbers 1-5 (numerals, representations, comparing numbers to five, understanding one more and one less and composition of numbers to five i.e. What is five made up of?). They will then extend this to numbers to 10. They will also learn about how to sort objects and they will create repeating ABC patterns e.g. red, yellow, blue, red, yellow, blue. They will learn about comparing items by length or height.

Understanding the World

Children will have the opportunity to share an entry from their home learning journal weekly and recall recent past experiences and listen with interest as other children share their journals. They will talk about who is in their immediate and extended family. They will learn about what is in their local area and recognise key buildings. Children will explore Halloween and Christmas traditions within their own and other families and communities. They will describe and handle old toys, making comparison to new toys. They will use a camera to take photos.

Expressive Arts and Design

Children will develop home corner role-play, representing experiences from their own lives and those of their peers. They will use construction materials to build representations of different buildings. They will learn a repertoire of action songs. Children will explore use of colour and choice of materials through their own exploration in painting and model making.

Learning at Home

- Library books – share and enjoy together each week. Return every Monday in book bags.
- Home learning journal – complete one entry per week. Return every Monday in book bags.
- Weekly homework task in homework books. Complete and return every Monday in book bags.
- Reading books will be issued when individual children are ready for this. Return every Monday in book bags to be changed.
- Book bags will be given back to you child to bring home every Tuesday.

Other Information

- Please remember to bring a coat for outdoors every day as the weather can be changeable.
- Please ensure jumpers have your child's name clearly labelled inside.
- Bring book bags to school every Monday. They will be returned to your child every Tuesday with a new library book, homework task and reading book when your child is ready for one. These are not needed on other days.
- Please send a pair of wellies into school for your child as soon as possible so that they can access the garden fully over the autumn and winter months.
- If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mrs Newton or Mrs Innes via the school office, so that we can help.