8P Class Newsletter

Autumn

Our Theme

Our theme for Autumn Term is 'Let's Celebrate'.

Have a look below at how we will be learning about all things celebration themed across our curriculum!

My Communication

In My Communication we will be reading and commenting on a range of celebration and festival themed sensory stories through the use of colourful semantics and word mats. For example 'Harvest sensory story, The Leaf Man and Hairy Scary Castle'. We will be working on our reading and phonics skills through daily interventions within class and the community. We will also be enjoying a range of celebration attention autism sessions.

We will be working on reading, writing and communication and interaction ALI's across the timetable.

My Thinking and Problem Solving

In My Thinking and Problem Solving we will be using money to order and pay for our own snack in the class café daily.
Within this subject area we will also be working on number skills, using functional number skills within the community and using our capacity skills within our food technology lessons. In design technology we will be designing and preparing a range of soups and salads.
We will be working on number and cognition and learning ALI's across the timetable.

The World about Me

In The World about Me, we will be developing our understanding of a wide range of celebrations through a multi sensory approach. This will include a trip to a religious place, making decorations based on each celebration and experiencing celebrations of different cultures.

In Food Technology we will be practising our weighing, measuring, chopping mixing and cooking skills to create a range of recipes.

We will be working on our dressing and undressing skills through our PE lessons and swimming sessions.

Me and My Body

In Me and My Body, we will be taking part in lots of physical activity across the timetable including sensory circuits, riding bikes, swimming and playing on the playground equipment. We will be working on our dance and gymnastics skills and developing our gross movement skills in our PE lessons.
We will be thinking about our mental health and working on ways to support our regulation. We will be focusing heavily on ways we can manage our feelings through the thrive approach.
We will continue to work on our dressing skills and working on managing our personal hygiene needs. We will be working on our physical and sensory ALI's across the timetable.

My Community

My Creativity

In My Community, we will be growing our independence in travel around the school and local community. We will be learning to walk safely with adults into Chorley town centre and visiting supermarkets. We will learn shopping routines and practice exchanging coins for food in real life!

In school, we will be developing our social skills and learning to play with each other. We will also be working on developing our understanding of our body and ways we can look after our mental and physical health.

In My Creativity, we will be exploring different types of dance and practising a wide range of different movements linked to a range of celebrations. In Art we will be exploring a range of fine motor skills activities, creating celebration cards and decorating different pictures using paint/colouring/collage/printing.

In Computing we will be creating a range of celebration images on our ipads through the use of 2Paint/2Draw etc on Purple Mash.

Things to remember

- ✓ We have PE on a Wednesday. Please send in PE kits for us to keep in school.
- ✓ Swimming will take place in Autumn 2. More details to follow.
- ✓ We will be going on local walks to buy the ingredients for our recipes on a Monday or Tuesday (group dependent). Please send in warm coats and appropriate footwear for walking.
- ✓ Please remember to check Evidence for Learning on a weekly basis to see your child's learning across the curriculum.
- ✓ Parents Evening will take place on the 1st of October. More details to follow.
- ✓ Sharing Our Learning will take place on the 21st of October, 1:30-2:30.

Key Vocabulary

Festival
Celebration
Harvest
Autumn
Winter
More
Less
Soup
Salad
Public
Private
Help
Chop
Mix
Stir
Pour

How can you help at home?

There are lots of ways to support your child's learning at home. Have a look at the suggestions below for some ideas:

- ✓ Reading with your child using the resources provided in their Reading Pack.
- ✓ Using key vocabulary, Makaton signs and symbols when communicating with your child.
- ✓ Incorporating your child's Aspirational Learning Intentions into your routine at home.
- ✓ Communicating and celebrating a range of events and festivals with your child

- ✓ Going on local walks with your child
- ✓ Taking your child to the shops where possible, to practice exchanging coins for items.

Home-School Communication

Home-school communication is important to us and helps us to support your child the best that we can. Here are some different ways to keep in touch…

- ✓ Writing in the home-school diary
- ✓ Emailing me at robertsonz@astleypark.lancs.sch.uk
- ✓ Coming into school for parents evening and sharing our learning sessions
- ✓ Commenting on your child's Evidence for Learning posts

Snack

- ✓ Please can we have £1 towards your child's snack in class. Snacks include toast, fruit, crackers, biscuits and juice.
- ✓ If you would prefer to send your child into school with healthy snacks for snack time, that is absolutely fine.