

# Reception Autumn Newsletter

Broughton Primary School

## Children's Autumn 2 Learning Topics



### Autumn Woodland

At the start of the Autumn 2 term we continue our learning about the Autumn Woodland. Children have been exploring and discovering seasonal changes to trees and plants, finding out facts about hedgehogs and making some amazing woodland crafts..

### Celebrations Topic

In our Celebrations topic the children will be finding out about how people celebrate special events. We have made a haunted castle to celebrate Halloween! We will be finding out about how Diwali is celebrated and then discovering more about Christmas.



# Let's focus on...

## Literacy

Our focus book this half term has been 'Where the Wild Things Are' and we have been acting out the story in role play and pretending we are the characters. We have talked about the main events and put them into the correct order. We have talked about the setting and drawn a huge story map of the events. Children have made lots of art activities linked to the story and we have learnt some new story words like 'rumpus'. Excellent learning Reception!



## Maths

In our number sessions we have spent lots of time on recognising numbers, subitising, counting and thinking about repeating patterns. Children have enjoyed using the resources to support our learning, like the numicon, number fans, counting cubes and counting bears. We are still working on perfecting our number formation to 10 and if you have any time to practise this at home.

## Phonics

Our Read Write Inc phonics scheme has gotten off to a fantastic start with children really working hard to learn their new phonic sounds. It has been great to see how children are starting to blend sounds together to form words. Our writing and spelling skills are also improving as we progress too!



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## Forest School

Samantha is a fully trained forest school leader who runs our Wednesday afternoon sessions. The children have been finding out lots about Autumn seasonal changes. They take part in games, activities and enjoy doing lots of bush crafts. Enjoying a hot chocolate is an important of the afternoon!



## Cookery

Our Tuesday afternoon cookery sessions have been fantastic for developing our fine motor skills with lots of cutting, chopping, whisking and stirring. The children have been encouraged to try new recipes and flavours in the sessions. Some of the recipes we have made so far are fruit kebabs, malteaser traybake, veggie batons and crispie cakes!

## PE

In our PE sessions children have been working really well on getting themselves dressed and undressed! We have enjoyed some exciting sessions with the large wall apparatus developing our confidence with climbing. We have also been taking part in balancing circuits.



# Supporting your child at home!

## Read, Read, Read...

It has been wonderful to see how well the children are supported with their reading at home. Reception class have been the champions in our weekly Strive for Five reading challenge twice so far this year.

Please keep on reading with them at home it makes such a difference to how well they progress.

Children are bringing home a book to decode (their phonics book) and a book to share (Top 20 Reads for Reception). Once I start guided reading sessions next term they will also have a Read Write Inc phonics book based on our previous weeks session.

## Speaking Skills

We all really enjoy children sharing their photos from home. It has been fantastic to see children standing at the front and explaining to their friends what they have been doing outside of school. As well as developing their confidence it is great for their speaking skills and asking/answering questions.

Please send in as many pictures as you like on Dojo in a message to me.

## Authors in Focus

We started the Autumn term reading books by the authors Jill Murphy and Eric Carle. Children are familiar with the Eric Carle books from Nursery and were able to join in with the words really well.

We will be moving onto reading books by Nick Butterworth and Raymond Briggs this half term as they both have lovely links to our Autumn Woodland and Celebrations topics. You could try reading some of these authors books at home if you can.

## Phonics

Please keep on practising with the phonic sound cards at home. Every child has a copy of the sounds. Knowing all sounds is the key to blending and beginning to read. You could also watch the Read Write Inc videos (links are on DoJo) if children are getting stuck on a certain sound.

## Maths Skills

Being able to form numbers correctly is an important skills children will need to master. If you have time to work on some number formation at home it would be really great for those tricky numbers your child is struggling with.

All of our children could work on recognising numbers to 20 when they are not in the correct order.

# Christmas Events

**Nativity Play**  
**12.12.23**

Reception pupils will perform in the 2pm and 6pm shows.

**Class Visit to Whinlatter Forest**  
**7.12.23**

We will visit Whinlatter in the morning for a magical walk through the forest. We will then complete some festive crafts and meet Santa in the yurt!



**Dates for your Diary**

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**Tuesday 5th**  
**Xmas Fayre**  
**3-4:30pm**

**Tuesday 12th**  
**Nativity Show**  
**2pm & 6pm**

**Thursday 7th**  
**Whinlatter Christmas Trip**

**Wednesday 13th**  
**Christmas Service**  
**@ Christ Church**

**Class Visit to Theatre By the Lake**  
**14.12.23**

Reception pupils will enjoy a festive retelling of the boy who cried 'WOLF!'

**Thursday 14th**  
**Christmas Production of Wolf @ Theatre by the Lake**

**Tuesday 19th**  
**Carols around the Tree & break up for holidays**  
**1pm**