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Reception- Curriculum Newsletter
Autumn 2

English	In English we have now started ***Drawing club*** and have spent the past few weeks making our way through a variety of stories that have captured your children's imaginations and really got them thinking out of the box. So far we have looked at stories such as '*The Colour Monster goes to school, Eat your peas, All kinds of families, The three little pigs, Kippers Toybox and Peepo'.* We will continue to look at a wide range including old classics such as 'Not Now Bernard and The Jolly Postman'. From each of the stories we will learn a variety of vocabulary and will put actions together to perform a 'Vocabulary burst' at the start of each lesson. We make our way through designing the character, setting and then an adventure whilst incorporating some Maths into our work as well! This is then shown in their writing books as the children will use their phonological awareness to hear initial sounds and be able to segment and blend simple CVC words as well as using some of the tricky words we have been learning such as 'It, I, the'. We are already practising writing some simple sentences too and have been talking about finger spaces and full stops. Second of all, the children will continue to do Phonics sessions daily and learn a new sound each day from our Phase 2 set of sounds, then moving onto Phase 3 later down the line. I will send resources home over the next few months for you to continue looking at the sounds and tricky words that we are learning in school.	
Maths	In Maths, we will continue to embed all prior knowledge and ensure that the things we have learnt so far, the children are secure in, such as number, subitising, composition. Over the next few weeks we will continue to focus on numbers to 5 with some work on numbers to 10. We will look at different ways of making these numbers and covering a variety of concepts. We will also start to explore more into shapes and look at their properties, understanding sides and corners. Introducing some 3D shapes along the way. The children will start to recognise shapes in our environments and will take part in a variety of activities such as shape hunts around school.	
Science	The children will continue to attend our Forest School sessions once a week (Fridays) so please ensure the children have access to waterproofs and a pair of wellies. We will discover how our natural environment continues to change throughout the year. We will also be looking at minibeasts, living and non-living creatures and farm animals as well as the types of habitats and homes they live in.	
PSHE/RSE	The unit we will be focusing on this half term is 'Celebrating differences'. The children will be having lots of discussions about things they are good at, why they think they are good at them, things they like and understanding that not everyone is the same. It is important that children know it is okay to be different and it is what makes us unique and special in our own way. **(We will have time for show and tell each Friday. If your children receive awards, certificates, medals etc from any clubs they may attend please send them in so they can do a show and tell to the class).**	

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RE	In RE we will be continuing to learn all about 'Special People', making links with the religions Christianity and Judaism. We will look at a variety of festivals including Diwali and understand that people around the world have different faiths and beliefs. We also celebrated Harvest and now over the upcoming weeks will focus on the story of Jesus, with links to the Nativity story and our performance that will take place in December.	
PE	In PE we will continue to attend two PE lessons a week. Our focus this term is underarm throwing, overarm throwing, balancing, aiming at targets and being able to make different shapes using our bodies. We will continue to also work on team work, taking turns and our listening and attention.	
Music	In Music we will be practising our Nativity songs with actions over the next half term.	
History	In History we have been learning lots about the past including our story of 'Peepo' in Drawing club. This term we will be looking at Guy Fawkes and the Gunpowder Plot (Bonfire night), Remembrance day and having discussions about the soldiers that fought in the war.	
Geography	In Geography we will be making links to 'The Gunpowder Plot' and looking at London. We will look at where London is in comparison to Hambleton and use technology such as google earth. We will have discussions about the fact there are lots of different places and countries in the world.	
	Our enrichment this half term: **The Nativity** **Panto trip**	