

Autumn 2 2024 - Foundation Stage Curriculum Newsletter.

Dear Parents/Carers,

Here is an overview of what your child will be learning this half term across the different areas of learning. Our topic for the second half of the Autumn term is called **'I wonder who is awake when I am asleep?'**. The topics we choose are led by the children's interests and usually encompass several areas of learning. For this reason, the topics may change to reflect the direction the children wish to take their learning.

Each week we will be taking on a different theme using the following books as part of our week's main focus:



In Literacy we will be listening to stories from a variety of authors and will be introduced to story maps where we will use illustrations to help retell the story. This will help to develop our understanding of story language and the structure of a story.

We will continue to learn more sounds in phonics, making sure that we pronounce them correctly and will practice blending the sounds together to read and write simple cvc words.

In Maths we will be looking closely at the numbers 1 - 5. We will learn about perceptual and conceptual subitizing, that numbers are composed from small numbers and how they are represented in objects, numerals and 5 frames. We will understand what 1 more and 1 less is and how the amount changes by 1 as we count. Our maths work will all be practical where we get the chance to talk about what we see and how we see it when looking at different amounts and physically move objects around to understand how larger amounts are made from smaller groups

In Personal, Social and Emotional development we will continue to talk about our feelings - focusing on feeling scared and what we can do to feel safe. We will learn about how to be safe around sparklers and fireworks. We will continue to learn about sharing and playing together and revisiting what makes a good friend.

Through our '**I wonder who is awake when I am asleep?**' topic we will look at nocturnal animals and their habitats. We will compare the difference between night and day. We will look at the changes in our environment with the season Winter. We will learn about different festivals being celebrated during this time which is Diwali and Christmas, how people celebrate these festivals and why.

Our Physical development focus will continue with building strength in both fine and gross motor actions. We will focus on holding our pencils with increasing control to help form letters correctly and write our names correctly. We will increase the speed when getting changed for P.E and will focus on using zips when putting on coats.

In P.E we will focus on balance, jumping and landing.

In Expressive arts and design we will experience clay and how we can change its form when making Diya lamps. We will explore different marks making resources when creating firework pictures and Rangoli patterns. We will continue to learn how lines and circles can create pictures and use suitable colours when drawing wild animals. We will be part of the nativity in one song and learn lots of Christmas songs.

This half term is all about maintaining the routines and continuing to develop the relationships with both adults and peers within the school community.

We will send home a library book to share with your child as well as their reading book. Please continue to share their reading books and practice the sounds and tricky words in the sound bag. We will include a sticker in your child's Home School Book giving a brief outline of the activities that will be coming up the following week.

Please check the Home School Books daily and please use them to communicate with us or email us on

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