

Nursery Newsletter

Middleton Parish Church School

Autumn 2 2022

Phonics

This half term in phonics, we are going to be looking at instrumental sounds. We are going to be tuning into the sounds that different instruments make and trying to remember the sounds that we have heard.

Literacy

We will be using the weather and the change of seasons as our inspiration for our next stories in class. Any stories you enjoy or know that connect with this please do not hesitate to send us your ideas. It could be your child's favourite book that involves Autumn or Winter. I know my favourite stories involve snow so keep an eye out for them this term.

Understanding the World

Autumn is here and winter is fast approaching.

This half term we will be learning all about how the seasons change and how this affects the weather. We will be looking at the change in temperature and how things freeze during the colder months. Trees change colour and leaves fall. We will be looking closely at nature and how plants and animals are affected.



Outdoor Clothing

Please can you make sure your child has a pair of labelled wellies in school. If there is a problem sourcing any wellies then please get in touch as we have a number of spares we can use. Also ensure your child is wearing school shoes each day as we will change into wellies when needed. Again please label all of your children's clothing. Thank you.



Reading

Story time

At the end of every day, we all participate in a class story time. This is a wonderful end to a busy day and provides a calm transition from school to home. Story time is an important aspect of our reading curriculum and is a vital aspect of developing young children's language skills.

Reading Books

Children will be sent home with a book each week. Inside each book there are questions you can use to help develop the book with your child. We change books generally on a Monday but if your child needs a change of book please just let us know. The idea is to enjoy the book together pointing out the main parts and pictures as you read. Allow your child to handle the book and turn the pages, and track the words with your finger for a few pages to show the directionality of the text. You can ask children what might happen next and follow any interests that come from reading the book. Children will have the choice on a Monday to change their book with others we have in class. They can always keep the same book for more than one week if they are enjoying it. Reading is a key to progression in all areas of school life so enjoy.

Contacting Us

If you need to talk to Mr Lloyd or any member of the Nursery team please do not hesitate to send us an email. Class Dojo is reserved for sharing the life of the class please only message us via our class email address which is

nursery@middletonparishce.rochdale.sch.uk

As we teach full time, it may take up to 5 days for us to reply. If you need to pass on a message in an emergency, please contact the school office.

If you need to update contact details, allergy/medical information etc you can email the school office.

The school office email is

office@middletonparishce.rochdale.sch.uk

Sometimes families need a little extra support with things such as housing, employment, emotional well-being and parenting. Our Engagement and Inclusion team are here to help, including signposting families to services outside of school. Should you need it the team's email is

Eandl@middletonparishce.rochdale.sch.uk

Class Clinics

This half term, there will be an opportunity to ask questions or discuss any concerns you may have. The class clinic will take place on 30th November. Times will be posted on the class dojo page a few days prior to the date.

Outdoors

Every Thursday we have Forest School and have many adventures outside.

Please ensure children have spare clothes. We store spare clothes on their pegs and it helps especially on wet days.

Heartsmart

Our Heart Smart topic is 'I am Special.'

What is it that makes us unique and what special talents do we have? This overlaps with our last term's RE topic so the children will be confident in sharing their ideas within the group.



Religious Education

In R.E. we are looking at The Nativity Story. We will be exploring Jesus and his Christmas Birthday. We will be learning all about the different characters found in The Nativity Story and learning our songs for the Christmas production.



Maths

In maths this term we will be looking at Size. We will be looking at short and taller. Large and small. We will be making comparisons and seeing if things are the same or different in size. Keep an eye out for opportunities to use these terms with your children whilst out shopping or in the park.

Continue to show your children numbers that they find around them when you are out and about so they become confident in recognising numbers to 10.