



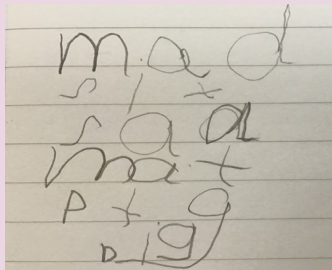
# Southcoates Primary Academy Newsletter

Thursday 9th November, 2023

Early Years

## What have Early Years been learning in Autumn 1?

Early Years have had a very busy start to the year! We have enjoyed learning about life in medieval times with a focus on the differences between kings and queens in the past and present. We also learnt about the work of collage artist Eileen Agar and used her techniques to create our own pieces of artwork. During Spanish week, we enjoyed a Spanish-themed food tasting session and learnt about flamenco dancing. We are very excited to have started our reading journey, learning Set 1 sounds in Phonics and using this to help us write words in Reception. In Nursery, we have been learning picture sounds and how to write our names.



## Autumn 2 - A Drop in the Ocean: Under the Sea

This half term, we will be reading the story of 'The Rainbow Fish'. We will be using this story to help us to think of ideas when writing words and sentences.

In geography, we will be learning about the differences between the environment under the water and the environment on land. We will be exploring the underwater world and learning key facts about our changing climate and environment. The key knowledge we want the children to learn this half term are the differences between land and sea.

In design and technology, we will be making boats. We will be focusing on using our cutting skills on different materials to help us create these.



### How can you help at home?

- Daily reading: listen to your child read at least 3 times each week.
- Ask your child what made them feel proud at school each day.
- Support your child with daily practice of taught phonics sounds.
- Give your child lots of encouragement with independent dressing skills such as putting on and taking off coats.
- Please write your child's name in their personal belongings to help them develop increasing independence.
- PE days are on Tuesday (Honeybees) and Wednesday (Bumblebees) in Reception, and on Wednesday in Nursery. Please bring your PE kit on a Monday and leave it in school for the week. Trainers must be worn for your child's safety. Earrings should be removed or ear tape provided.

### Dates for Your Diary

W/B Monday 13th November:	Anti-Bullying Week
Thursday 16th November:	Early Years Library Visit
Friday 17th November:	Children in Need
Monday 20th November:	Y3/4 Trip to Bempton Cliffs
Thursday 7th December:	Reception Trip to the Pantomime
Friday 8th December:	Christmas Fair
Thursday 14th December:	Early Years Nativity Performance at St. Aidan's
Monday 18th December:	Inspire Afternoon and Gold Ticket Shop
Tuesday 19th December:	Carols to Parents
Wednesday 20th December:	Christmas Party Day
Thursday 21st December	Magic Carpet Theatre Company Performance
Friday 22nd December	Southcoates Has Got Talent
	Christmas Jumper Day
	Last Day of the Term