



# Autumn Term 2 Newsletter

## Duckling

### RE

We are following Come and See to deliver our RE curriculum. Our focus will be on Baptisms and being welcomed into God's family.

As we move into Advent, we will be learning about the festival of Christmas and the birth of Christ.

### Maths

This half term, we will be focussing on measures and shapes as well as lots of work on number. We will be using White Rose Hub materials to support learning on measuring and shapes. For number, we will continue to use the NCTEM Mastering Number scheme.

#### Measures and Shapes

We will name different shapes and use these shapes to build other shapes. We will compare size, weight and capacity of different objects as well.

#### Mastering Number

We will be learning how numbers are made up of parts, e.g. 3 is made of 1 and 2 parts or 1 and 1 and 1 parts. We also be counting to 10 and talking about how the last number we say is the number of objects we have counted. We will also begin to link numbers to their corresponding numeral.

**At home, please encourage the children to count objects they can see or they have in front of them. Talk about the numerals you can see in different environments.**

*We have got another exciting and fun packed half term to look forward to. We will continue learning about the changes in the seasons and making observations about the world in which we live.*

*We are delighted to see so many children enjoying reading and learning. It is exciting to watch them grow in their understanding of the world.*

*Please keep supporting the children with their reading.*

*Many thanks, Miss Khanam*

### Expressive Arts and Design

This half term we will be looking at creating artwork for specific purposes, using a range of tools to help us. We will design masks and clothing for 'Supertato'. We will create texture and patterns using printing.

### Understanding the World

We will be looking at the changes in the weather and our environment as we move through Autumn into Winter. We will be looking at all the ways we have people who help us. We will be finding out how to stay safe around fire and water. We will learn about the jobs people do to help us. We will be making soup, as part of our work with Supertato.

### PSHE & Wellbeing

We will be using Ten:Ten Resources to support our PSHE curriculum.

This term, our focus will Be:

Created to Love Others

- Religious Understanding
- Personal Relationship
- Life Online
- Keeping Safe

### PE

Our PE lessons take place on a Thursday. Please ensure that your child comes to school in an outdoor PE kit. This should consist of: shorts/jogging bottoms (which should be plain/dark in colour) and a white t shirt. The children are enjoying learning lots of gross motor skills with Liam, our coach.

### English

Our focus for this half term will be on people who help us, so we will be reading the books Supertato and The Jolly Christmas Postman. We will also be reading books about Christmas, with our focus on A Christmas Story. The children will join in with key phrases in the stories, sequence the events as well as describe some of the key characters. We will also practise retelling the stories to our friends.

**Phonics-** Reception will continue to learn phonics using Sounds-Write. They are segmenting the sounds in words with confidence and accuracy. They are blending the sounds to read the words independently and can write the words with greater confidence.

Our focus will be on reviewing and **learning** the sounds:

**a, i, m, s, t, n, o, p, b, c, g, h, d, e, f, v, k, l, r, u, j, z, w, x, y, ff, ll, ss, zz**

Nursery children will be encouraged to listen to sounds made by words.

**To support your child at home, ask them to say the sounds they hear, e.g. whoosh when they hear water, hiss of the kettle, tap of the feet as they are walking etc. Encourage them to segment words orally, e.g. c-a-t, b-u-s, f-a-n, r-i-p etc.**