



Autumn Term Newsletter

Duckling

RE

We are following Come and See to deliver our RE curriculum. Our focus will be on family and the importance of our names, as part of understanding Baptism.

We will be learning about the festivals of Harvest and Diwali

Maths

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

Patterns and Shapes

We will look at and 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.

Happy new school year! We are thrilled to be back for another exciting and fun packed term. We are looking forward to learning about autumn and seeing all the changes that take place around us. The children will be bringing home picture books to share with you. Please encourage them to illustrate and write about the stories they have read. We would love to see photos of the children enjoying reading as well, which you can share with us via the school email. Many thanks, Miss Khanam

Expressive Arts and Design

This half term we will be looking at different tools we can use for painting and drawing. We will be creating artwork and models using recycled materials. We will use fireworks as inspiration for our work using paint and pastels.

Understanding the World

We will be looking at the changes in the weather and our environment as we move from Autumn into Winter. The children will be encouraged to use a range of vocabulary to describe these changes and their experiences of different weather.

We will be exploring our senses and our environment through practical tasks. We will be baking gingerbread biscuits as part of our traditional tales' topic.

PSHE & Wellbeing

We will be using TenTen Resources to support our PSHE curriculum.

This term, our focus will be...

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- 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 Traditional Tales. We will be reading The Three Little Pigs, The Gingerbread Man and Jack and the Beanstalk. 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 be learning phonics using Sounds-Write, which is a systematic, synthetic programme that supports children in learning how to read and spell. Sounds-write is centred around listening to the sounds that make up words. It is effective, as it helps children listen to the sounds in a word, segment and blend those sounds to read words confidently and independently. Our focus will be on learning the sounds:
a, i, m, s, t, n, o, p, b, c, g, h, d, e, f, v

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.