



Autumn Term Newsletter

Early Years

RE

We are following Come and See to deliver our RE curriculum.

We will be learning about some of the key festivals that happen at this time of year: Hannukah (Judaism); Divali (Hinduism) and Advent and Christmas.

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 have. Talk about numerals you can see in the environment.

Wow! The children have made a great start to the year and we have already had a busy first term. I am sure the next 7 weeks will be just as busy with lots of fun, interesting and exciting activities. The children will continue to bring a book home each Friday to enjoy with you. I love seeing their pictures and when they tell me all about the story.
Ms. McFaul

Expressive Arts and Design

This half term we will be looking at different tools we can use for painting and drawing. We will use fireworks as inspiration for our work using paint and pastels. We will also work on printing as part of our Christmas art work.

Understanding the World

We will continue to look at the changes in the weather and our environment as we move from Autumn into Winter. Children will be encouraged to use a range of language to describe these changes.

We are also going to look at the concepts of melting and freezing through our making of cornflakes cakes. Again, children will be encouraged to use a range of vocabulary to talk about what they see happening.

PSHE & Wellbeing

We will be using TenTen 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

This half term, we are going to be focusing on Traditional Tales. We will be reading: The Enormous Turnip; Little Red Riding Hood and Jack and the Beanstalk.

The children will join in with key phrases in the stories, sequence the events of the story as well as describing some of the key characters. We will also practice retelling the stories to our friends.

Phonics- We are continuing to deliver our phonics curriculum using Sounds-Write. Our decision is based very much on research and how children retain information and apply it to their work. Sounds-Write is a systematic, synthetic programme and supports children in learning how to read and spell.

This half term the children will encounter, read and write the following spellings of sounds: d, e, f, v, k, l, r, u, j, w, z, x, y, ff, ll, ss, zz. This means we will also introduce the concept that sometimes a sound can be spelt using 2 letters.

At home, practice writing the above sounds as well as:

a, i, m, s, t, n, o, p, b, c, g and h.

You could even give them simple CVC words to spell, e.g. cat, mat, pop, bag, hat