



Autumn 1 Newsletter

THE YEAR TEAM:

Class 1: Mrs Parry and Miss Wilkin

Class 2: Mrs Garrett and Mrs O'Brien



English

Once the children are settled, we will begin our daily phonics teaching. Each Friday we will send home the new letters / sounds we have learnt during the week for your child to practise reading and writing them at home. Initially picture books will be sent home for your child to be the 'story teller', followed by worded books when they are ready. More details about how we teach phonics, reading and writing will be given at our presentation on 30th September. Children will also be learning to recognise and write their first name.



Maths

We will have daily 'mastering number' sessions, focusing initially on counting to 10 and back again. We will work on accurately counting a set of objects, matching a numeral to a quantity and putting numbers 1-10 in order. We will also be comparing sets of objects using language such as more, fewer, same. Children will learn to subitise up to 5 - saying how many objects they can see without needing to count them. Work on recognising and naming shapes, continuing patterns will also be built into our maths learning.



Communication and language

The children will be encouraged to use their words and speak in sentences when they are communicating with others. They will be learning how to be good listeners by looking at the person who is speaking, sitting or standing still, waiting for their turn to speak and responding appropriately to what they have heard. They will learn to follow instructions the first time they are given.



Expressive Arts and Design

In Art children will experiment with a wide range of art materials and simple techniques such as collage, printing, drawing, painting. They will explore the use of lines, dots and circles. There will be lots of opportunities to practise using scissors to cut around lines. They will join in with class songs and rhymes, develop rhythm and rhyme through stories and songs and have the opportunity to use various musical instruments and explore the sounds that they make.



Understanding the world

Children will be encouraged to talk about themselves and their families, recalling past events and looking forward to the future. They will become familiar with a range of traditional tales and explore the concept of 'Harvest' through the story of the Little Red Hen.

They will use a range of technology in the classroom including the touch screen, listening station (CD player) and ipads to take photos.



Physical development

In PE lessons our learning will focus on controlling our bodies whilst moving in different ways—varying height, speed and direction. Children will practise running, jumping, hopping, skipping and crawling with control both on the floor and on apparatus. PE will be on a Wednesday morning and children will come to school dressed in their PE kit. Children will also use the climbing equipment safely in the playground and in the Year R garden. There will be daily opportunities to develop fine motor skills using jigsaws, construction, beads, scissors, threading, playdough, etc. All these activities make for strong fingers for writing!



Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Our initial focus is on supporting the children to settle into school and understand the class routines. We aim to develop confidence, self-help skills and independence. Children will learn to make good choices and follow our school rules: ready, respectful, safe. They will share and co-operate with others through play, build concentration and develop perseverance when things are tricky.

They will be expected to be responsible for their own belongings in the classroom and when getting ready to go home.



Worship

We will be starting the new school year by focusing on new starts, reflecting on last year and looking forward to this year. We will then begin our theme for the half term which will be 'our school Christian values'. We will explore each of our school values, learning about where they are shown in the bible and consider how we can show them in our daily life in school and at home. We will also be reminding ourselves of the British Values which are democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, and mutual respect and tolerance for those of different faiths and beliefs.



Heart Smart

Heart Smart is our PSHE curriculum that runs throughout the school. This half term we will introduce the children to Boris the Robot and begin talking about what it means to be Heart Smart.



Key Information

We are really pleased with how well all the children settled at the class visit. We are looking forward to welcoming them all on Monday.

Please use the Link Book to communicate with us if you have any questions or chat to us at the end of the day. If there is an urgent message, please hand the Link Book to us at the door when you drop off.

We are really looking forward to working in partnership with you all this year. Thank you for all your support with so far.