

Reception Autumn 2: Seasonal Changes

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Children will continue to develop their independence in class and take on the role of class helper each week. We will be learning about positive thinking and the importance of trying to make good choices with our actions and behaviour. We will also take part in lots of exciting whole school activities on the run up to Christmas.

Literacy

The children will have daily phonics sessions. As children are all learning at their own pace, they will be doing activities at their appropriate learning level, which may include some revision of previous sounds taught. We will continue revising Phase 2 sounds and develop blending and segmenting these sounds to read and write CVC words. Children will also learn to read and write tricky words the, I, no, go, to and into. We will read a variety of fiction and non-fiction texts including Beegu, Croc and Bird and many other topic related stories at the end of each day at story time. Children will learn to sequence retell a stories in their own words and make up a character for a story. We will be learning to write facts to match pictures. Please continue to read daily with children, children will be heard reading at least 2 times a week.

Physical Development

Children will participate in various physical development activities such as threading, cutting, and playdough, which will help them to manipulate objects with good fine motor skills. We will continue to develop pencil grasp to support children to hold a pencil in a comfortable and affective way. They will also learn gymnastics in PE, developing control and coordination by creating patterns of movement and movement to music.

Understanding the World

Children will learn about the role of nurses and doctors and find out about those who helped people in the past. We will go on an autumn walk around the local area to collect leaves and take pictures of any signs of autumn we can see and work together to create a collaborative display of the autumn and winter seasons. Children will learn about different celebrations and festivals that happen at this time of year including Bonfire Night, Diwali, Remembrance Day, Hannukah and Christmas.

Expressive Arts and Design

Children will be learning songs and dances for our school Nativity play. They will also have a few short lines to learn for their roles. They will have opportunities for domestic and enhanced role play. Our small world area and role play will be transformed into a hospital. Children will also have the chance to build models using construction equipment, make pictures with moving parts, and engage in junk modelling.

Communication and Language

Children will have opportunities to talk about and share their experiences of all the celebrations and special days we have in autumn. We will help children to extend their vocabulary in this topic. Children will take part in daily topic discussions to share their own knowledge and understanding.

Maths

Children will continue using numbers to 10 and working out simple number problems within 10 using concrete resources. We will work with numbers to 20, counting and ordering numerals, counting and matching objects with numerals. We will find doubles and halves of numbers and discover what makes and odd number odd and an even number even. Children will sequence the days of the week and the months of the year. We will sort 2D shapes and learn about their properties. Children will find half and quarter of 2D shapes and small amounts. Children will continue to work out simple addition and subtraction problems using concrete objects and number lines.