

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the new school year! We are looking forward to a new year of learning in Reception. This half term our main topic is 'Inside, Outside'. Where possible, all of your child's learning will be linked to this subject. Below is a topic map outlining the areas of learning we intend to cover this term. A copy of this document can also be found on our website. **PE lessons** this year will take place on a **Mondays**. Homework packs will be sent home every Friday and collected in the following Friday. Thank you.

Ms Bentaleb and Mr Humphreys – Reception Class teachers

MATHS

During maths lessons we will learn to count reliably within 6, explore representations of numbers 1-6 and match numbers to quantities. Children will also learn how to Subitise. This means recognising the number of objects there are in a small group without having to count them. We will also explore and talk about patterns. Through rhymes and stories children will develop a good understanding of one more and one less.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

We will begin the term by learning about our class saints and the school mission statement. Our RE topic is "God's World". We will be reading the story of Creation and doing follow up lessons which explain the importance of caring for our world. Children will learn to know that God made each one of us different and special and that he loves us.

COMPUTING

Teachers will demonstrate for the children how to interact with various activities on the computer and ipads and discuss E-safety.

KNOWLEDGE OF THE WORLD

The children will be learning about inside and outside environments and making comparisons. They will explore and observe natural and found objects like leaves, conkers, ice and magnets. They will discuss the season of autumn, clothes people wear and changes in weather. Children will also begin to identify similarities and differences between families.

Reception

Outside

Inside

Autumn Term 1



MUSIC

In music lessons we will talk about the names of instruments and explore the different sounds they make. Children will also learn to sing a variety of songs and experiment with different voices, tones and pitches.

Communication and Language

- Understand how to listen carefully and why listening is important.
- Learn and use new vocabulary.
- Understand 'who, what, where,' questions and ask questions to find out more.
- Listen carefully to rhymes, poems and songs paying attention to how words sound.

WRITING AND READING

This half-term, we are basing our learning around the stories 'Where the Wild Things Are,' and 'Anansi the Spider.' Children will learn to retell stories, write labels, captions and create posters. We will be start daily phonics lessons and embed phonics knowledge during Literacy lessons. Children will also learn how to write letters with the correct formation and appropriate pencil grip.

Children will be taking reading books home. Parents please read to your child and sign their reading record.

CREATIVE DEVELOPMENT

Children will use materials like paints, clay and collage to express feelings and ideas and explore a variety of artistic effects. They will draw enclosed shapes and faces with features and develop their fine motor and concentration skills.

SPORTS AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Children will participate in daily physical activities in the playground and weekly PE lessons. During activities they will develop control and balance pedalling a tricycle and riding a scooter. They will learn techniques to throw, catch and kick a large ball and do exercises which develop strength, co-ordination, balance and agility.