

Nursery Autumn 1 Newsletter 2020/21



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| <p>Phonics/Reading:</p> <p>We will be reading a variety of stories every day for pleasure and enjoyment, and also using books which link to our topics.</p> <p>We are starting the first term off with Early Phonics, which is a scheme designed to build on the children's speaking and listening skills in preparation for Phase 1 Phonics which is all about letters and sounds. To run alongside the Early Phonics, we will be starting to introduce some of the Jolly Phonics letter cards to the children each week, which will also help them to prepare for Phase 1.</p> | <p>Personal, Social & Emotional Development:</p> <p>This first term will be all about getting to know the routines and rules within the classroom and also getting to know our friends and teachers. We will be having lots of circle time chats to encourage talking, confidence and building friendships.</p> <p>The children will also have lots of opportunities to get to know each other and express themselves when they have free play, which we call 'Explore Time'. There are many excellent areas inside and outside the Foundation Stage classroom, which support all areas of the children's development.</p> | <p>Communication and Language</p> <p>Throughout each of the topics this term, there will be endless opportunities to develop the children's communication and language skills. They will hear stories and be part of group chats, be encouraged to talk and wonder. They will take part in role play activities. They will play and chat with teachers as well as friends.</p> <p>Please chat to your children at home and ask them about their current topic and about what they are enjoying.</p> | <p>Topic</p> <p>Settling in - Children will have the opportunity to settle in, learn the daily routines, the class and school rules, and get to know their friends and teachers.</p> <p>Traditional Tales - Children will hear a wide range of traditional stories and poems and learn how they begin and end. (Once upon a time... and They all lived happily ever after)</p> <p>Hinduism & Diwali - Children will learn about other cultures and festivals and how they are celebrated.</p> <p>Christmas - RE - Children will learn the Christmas story and the true reason that we celebrate this religious event. We will also talk about how we celebrate, i.e. attending Church, giving and receiving presents, visiting family, eating special food, parties etc.</p> <p>The children will also spend a week making Christmas crafts.</p> |
| <p>Physical Development (Health & Self care skills)</p> <p>Due to the current pandemic, we will be focusing heavily on health and hygiene routines. The children will be encouraged to wash their hands frequently and thoroughly. We will also be reminding children the importance of the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' slogan to help keep everyone safe and healthy.</p> <p>We will be spending quite a lot of the first term learning to dress and undress as independently as possible, i.e. shoes on and off, coats on and off, paint and water aprons on. The children are able to access the outdoor area each morning at their own desire, and on doing so, they need to put on a waterproof coat and a pair of wellies.</p> | <p>Homework</p> <p>To begin with, we would like you to read lots of stories and sing lots of nursery rhymes with your children each day.</p> <p>We would also like you to encourage your children to do lots of talking, wondering and questioning. This could be done during story times at home - look at the pictures in story books or nursery rhymes with your children and ask them to talk about what they can see. Can they guess what is going to happen next? What is a certain character wearing? Where are they going? What colour is that? etc</p> | <p>Ways to help at home:</p> <p>Play games where the children need to follow rules and take turns.</p> <p>Share a bedtime story or some nursery rhymes each night.</p> <p>Encourage your child to dress and undress as independently as possible, e.g. pulling jumpers on and off, putting coats on and taking them back off with the sleeves the right way, putting Velcro shoes/trainers on.</p> | <p>Key Dates and Events 14/09/20 Class photographs</p> <p>If you have any questions or queries at all please email us or ring school and we'll be happy to help you.</p> |