



Autumn 2023 2nd Half Term – Reception

Welcome back! We hope you had a restful half term and ready for the new term. Before the holidays, the children wowed us with their learning as we looked at different traditional tales. We learnt lots of new vocabulary and talked about how the characters might have felt in the stories. The children loved being involved in imaginative play and enjoyed opportunities to re-tell the stories that we had been learning.

This term, we are looking at seasonal changes with a focus on autumn and winter. We will learn about what happens to the weather, changes to the trees in the autumn, what happens to some animals and how the weather changes as we approach winter. We will also begin to practice our Christmas play as there are many songs to learn! We are looking forward to celebrating Christmas in school again and we have many exciting events happening as we approach the end of term.

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

Last term, the children focused on getting to know one another and developing friendships. Whilst we continue to work on this, we will also encourage the children to resolve conflicts between one another by explaining their wants and needs.

Communication & Language

We will be exploring new vocabulary as we learn about our topic. The children will learn about hibernation and explain this in their own way, describe the leaves and trees and use instrumental music and images to explain a story.

Physical Development

This term, we will use the outdoor area to continue to develop our gross motor skills. We will be learning to pedal using the tricycles, using parts of the climbing frame with a focus and learning how to throw and catch balls of different sizes.

Literacy

As we have learnt the single sounds using Letterland, we will begin to learn how to blend sounds and learning about 'Tricky' words. We will also start thinking about recognising initial sounds to words.

Maths

This term, the children will be continuing to learn in depth about numbers up to 5. They will be looking at what numbers are 'inside' these numbers e.g. 5 is made from 2 and 3. We will also be singing lots of counting songs.

Understanding the World

This topic lends itself so well to understanding of the world as we investigate seasonal changes. The children will look at what happens to plants and trees, why animals hibernate and why the weather changes.

Expressive Arts

We will continue to work on using tools to develop our fine motor skills including using split pins, cellotape and masking tape to attach materials together. We will also be singing lots of Christmas songs in preparation for our play!

Reminders for this half term

- ★ Please ensure you have set up your Class Dojo. This is a great form of communication between school and home.
- ★ We have the book fair returning to school from Tuesday 14th November – Monday 20th November.
- ★ Please ensure your child's reading book is in their book bag every day as we will be reading with the children in school. Reading books are changed on **Mondays**.
- ★ Our aim for children to read at home is four times a week. Please read with your child as much as possible and sign the calendar at the front of the Home School book.
- ★ Song and Rhyme sessions will start on Wednesday 8th November and will continue each Wednesday from then.
- ★ Reception nativity – Tuesday 5th December (am)
- ★ Christmas Fair – Friday 8th December

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