Autumn term curriculum newsletter Reception

Communication and Language

This term, we are encouraging children to listen carefully to stories, recall key events and answer questions. We will also be developing their ability to follow instructions and introducing new vocabulary, helping children to understand and use new words in their conversations.

Physical Development

This term, we are developing children's **gross and fine motor skills**. We will practise climbing, balancing and moving through obstacles, as well as building with large construction. Children will also develop their core strength, pencil grip, drawing and cutting skills, while using a range of tools and materials.

Personal Social Emotional Development

This term, we are developing children's confidence, independence and wellbeing. We will help them recognise and talk about their feelings, understand others' feelings and build positive relationships. Children will also practise following routines, staying focused, persevering with challenges and becoming more independent with dressing and handwashing.

Literacy

This term, we are developing children's love of reading and writing. We will encourage them to enjoy and retell stories, talk about key events and make predictions. Children will also develop their phonics skills by reading and spelling Phase 2 words, captions and tricky words, and begin writing simple sentences, labels and captions.

Our key texts are: Goldilocks and the Three Bears, The Three Little Pigs, Little Red Riding Hood and The Three Billy Goats Gruff.

Maths

This term, we are developing children's number skills through our Mastering Number sessions. Children will practise counting accurately, recognising and subitising numbers to 5, comparing quantities and exploring how numbers can be made from smaller amounts. We will also develop their understanding that the last number counted tells us how many there are.

Expressive Arts and Design

This term, we are developing children's creativity and expression. Children will explore different materials, textures, shapes and colours, experiment with colour mixing and create observational drawings. We will also enjoy responding to music through movement and developing our singing skills as a group.

Understanding the World

This term, we are exploring ourselves, our families and the world around us. Children will talk about their families, what makes them special and celebrations around the world. We will also explore seasonal changes, our body and senses, healthy foods and how materials change through experiences such as melting and freezing.

Key information

Remember to label all of your children's clothing.

Forest School kit to be in school.

Home learning- Phonics, reading books, Maths Missions.

Events: Meet the Teacher. Stay and Play in Phonics. Winter Workshop