

Important Information

Children will spend the first half of the Autumn term settling into school routines and learning about behavioural expectations. We will practise our listening skills in the classroom before we begin to attend whole school assemblies.

Reception have a timetabled slot in the hall on Monday mornings for PE. Please make sure all long hair is tied back and earrings removed on this day. PE kits need to be present in school all week and can be kept on children's pegs.



Start-of-year forms for signing and returning

You will be receiving today an envelope containing the contact details which are held on file for your child. Please ensure that you check this through carefully and amend any incorrect details, then sign and return the form to the office on Monday next week.

The envelope also contains an Acceptable Use Policy for you to read through and discuss with your child, which needs to please be signed and returned.

Thank you in advance.

Ways to help at home

Bedtime is an ideal time to share stories together at home. Short, sharp bursts will help your child to maintain concentration and focus. Remember to make up your own stories aswell. You could even make some puppets to support the story.

Reading books are arranged in small sets so please remember to bring your book bag to school every day. This allows us to swap books easily between groups.

A class letter will be sent home at the end of each week to inform you of the learning and fun activities that have taken place at school.

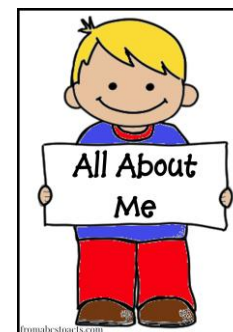
We may also suggest some ideas for activities you could use to extend learning at home.



Reception

Autumn Term Newsletter

All About Me



Our Cool World



September 2018

Welcome to the Autumn Term ☺

During the first half of the term the children will talk about themselves and learn about each other during our topic 'All About Me' They will explore their new surroundings at school and the local environment. They will also begin to learn about characteristics and tools for effective learning.

The second half of the term will focus on the wider world during the topic 'Our Cool World'. Children will learn about different festivals and celebrations in the run up to Christmas and find out about other countries and cultures along the way.

We will finish the term learning about how Christmas is celebrated by Christians and perform a traditional Christmas Nativity for the school and parents.

What we will be learning

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

The children will learn about being new beginnings and how to keep themselves safe. They will become familiar with school routines and get to know each other playing circle time games. We will talk about our own feelings, think about how other people may feel in certain situations and learn to manage our own behaviour. Building positive relationships with adults and other children will be a prime focus this half term. During play, we will concentrate on taking turns with our friends.

Physical Development

Reception will practise getting undressed and dressed for PE at school. We will visit the hall to play racing and chasing games to help develop our awareness of space. Using ribbons and scarves to make big shapes in the air and using tools to effect changes to materials such as playdough will help us to develop strength in our hands and prepare us for handwriting skills.

Maths

Children will practise counting and recognition of numbers through play. We play games that involve ordering of numbers which will help us when we come to identify one more or one less than a given number.

Expressive Arts & Design

We will begin to build a repertoire of songs and dances at school, especially in the lead up to Christmas. Children will explore a range of instruments and experiment with a range of textures through art and craft activities.

Communication & Language

Children will practise sitting quietly, listening to stories and demonstrate their understanding by responding to stories with comments or questions. They will practise following one or two part instructions. We hope to build children's confidence in speaking in smaller and larger groups and extend their vocabulary through learning about different topics.

Literacy

When listening to stories and singing rhymes, children will be encouraged to identify rhyming words and learn to continue a rhyming string. We will begin to learn letter sounds in phonics and play lots of fun games e.g. I spy. When looking at books, children will practise telling their own stories using the pictures. Children will be encouraged to make marks in shaving foam, coloured sand and draw with chalk outside. We will practise copying our first names and write labels (e.g. for our pets) thinking carefully about initial sounds in words.

Understanding the World

In connection with harvest festivals and Christmas we shall be looking at celebrations. We will find out about family customs and routines and talk about past and present events in our own lives. Children will also learn about current technology available to them and how to use it.

