

OUR TEAM

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Welcome to the Autumn term!

The EYFS team are really excited to welcome your families and your children to school. We can't wait to carry out all the exciting things we have planned for this term!

Key Points:

- This curriculum letter will provide an overview of our learning which will help you to discuss school adventures with your child.
- Children will receive reading books without words to start with and one bedtime story that children will be able to choose themselves. Please sign the reading log, which will benefit communication between home and school. Please look out for a date for our reading workshop where we will be able to discuss reading in Year R in more detail.
- If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us via the class email or ring the school to arrange a meeting.
- As phonics will progress, every Friday you will receive the overview of our learnt sounds that you can practice at home.
- P.E. sessions will start on the 9th September and will continue every Monday. Please could you send your child in their P.E. kit every Monday from this date.

COMMUNICATION & LANGUAGE



Our aim this half term is to ensure that children are feeling settled and happy in their new school environment. Children will continue to familiarise themselves with the staff in school, getting to know their friends through daily activities such as story and circle times.

The adults in the class will create a language rich environment by talking to the children, extending their vocabulary, listening and responding and explaining new words.

At home, continue to play and talk to your child as this will help your child develop their speaking and listening skills.

PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

Fine motor skills will continue to be developed so that the children can use a range of tools competently, safely and confidently. We will carry out activities which include using pencils, paintbrushes, scissors, knives, forks and spoons. Overall body-strength, balance, co-ordination and agility will continue to be developed through PE and outdoor play equipment such as balance bikes and trikes.

LITERACY

Getting Ready to Write

This half term we will be focusing children to develop fine motor skills by taking part in 'Squiggle While You Wiggle' sessions. These sessions incorporate dance, music, and large movements to help children to develop the fine muscle they need for writing.

Furthermore, children will be introduced to 'Drawing Club'. After sharing a story, traditional tale or 'retro' cartoon, the children will be encouraged to draw a picture and use their phonic and mathematical knowledge to write their secret codes to bring their story to life.

Phonics

This half term children will start learning new sounds. We will be focusing on hearing the initial sound in words and oral blending and segmenting of sounds.

Reading

Children will be introduced to our reading areas, both inside and outside and given lots of opportunities to explore books independently and as a class. We will share stories about starting school and what makes us special.

PERSONAL, SOCIAL & EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

In the Autumn term, we will be learning about our school and how we learn at school. We will be talking about keeping safe and following rules and routines to ensure we are ready to learn and grow. We will be exploring our school community; we will also learn about our own families and how each family is special.

EXPRESSIVE ARTS

The children will create art using their own ideas through a range of media. This will include paints, junk modelling and play dough. Joining techniques will be taught to enhance their creations. The children will learn how to use a range of tools competently. We will discuss and explore famous artists such as Andy Goldsworthy and children will create their own art arranging natural materials from their natural environment. To support our topic, children will be able to create their very own portrait.



We will learn new songs and the children will be given the opportunity to perform them solo or in groups to the rest of the class.

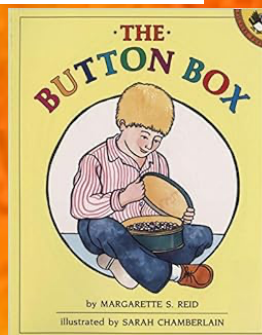
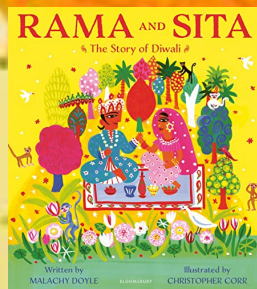
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This term we will be learning how we are all special and unique in our own way. We will find out all about how Jesus made friends and why friends are so special. We will also learn all about the Harvest Festival and the importance of giving and receiving, being thankful to our loved ones and people who help us. Furthermore, we will celebrate Diwali, the festival of lights, by exploring the story of Rama and Sita. Children will make our very special Diya lamps using clay.



UNDERSTANDING THE WORLD

Exploring and adventure all the way! We will be learning and familiarising ourselves with our own environment and exploring various learning areas inside and outside of our school. We will do this by going on walks around the school, discussing what we see and hear. The children will meet key members of staff, explore the main school areas. This will help us to discuss similarities and differences between nursery and school.



MATHS

Matching and Sorting

This half term we will be discussing the way a collection of objects can be sorted by their colour, size, or shape and have fun sorting various objects in the classroom independently. We will use the book 'The Button Box' by M. Reid, to help us to enhance our learning.

Counting and Comparing Amounts

We will explore counting, which will help to set the basis for one-to-one correspondence for more complex mathematical work in future terms. This will also help children to gain an understanding of quantities and mass when comparing various objects. We will look at how many objects we can hold in our hands, comparing them to our friends. We will start to use 5 frame to visualise and compare the amounts easier.

OUTDOORS

Children will have plenty of opportunities to continue their learning outside whatever the weather! Children will enjoy using various areas of learning to support their curiosity and imagination. This will involve, making secret potions in our mud kitchen, building sandcastles and volcanoes in our ginormous sandpit, using bikes and trikes. Please make sure that children bring to school a waterproof raincoat and wellies, that will be kept in school.