

Reception Curriculum Newsletter – Terms 1 and 2

This is the first of three newsletters this year which will give you a brief overview of the curriculum activities being covered this term.

Naturally, our first aim is to settle the children happily into school. This enables them to learn the rules and routines and to establish friendships.

Communication and Language

We will be focusing on:

- Speaking clearly in sentences
- Listening carefully and following instructions
- Re telling stories using pictures and actions
- Listening and responding to one another

Personal and Social Development

We will be learning about:

- Friendships and sharing
- Being independent and finding our way around school
- Speaking and listening skills
- How actions affect feelings



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Literacy

- Learning our Talk for Writing texts *We're going on a Bear Hunt* and *Billy Goats Gruff*
- Correct pencil grip, pencil control and forming letters, particularly their name
- Learning letter sounds and putting letters together to read and write simple words
- Reading their name and recognising some basic key words
- Enjoying a variety of books, stories and rhymes about bears and goats!

Understanding the World

Through our topics of *We're going on a Bear Hunt* and *Billy Goats Gruff* we will be learning:

- Classroom and school routines
- To build structures with construction kits
- To talk about our families and their beliefs
- About Diwali and Christmas and how they are celebrated
- To use ICT in the classroom

Forest School will begin after half term. We will send information nearer the time.

Expressive Arts and Design & Physical Development

Please ensure your child has brought in a named art apron.

Activities will include:

- Cutting and sticking skills, painting and exploring colour
- Body control (fine and gross motor skills) and how to use small and large apparatus correctly
- Moving to music and rhymes
- Singing together and making simple rhythms

Maths

- Sorting, ordering and matching toys
- Counting in order
- Counting objects accurately
- Recognising numbers
- Solving practical problems
- Simple addition and subtraction
- Making repeated patterns
- Naming simple shapes
- Beginning to record ideas and calculations

We will start 'Dough Disco', a fun fine motor control activity, on 19th September. Please can you bring in a named pot of Play-Doh?

We will be 'Welly Boot' planting on 26th September. Please can you bring in an old wellington for this activity?

Please find attached some **WOW** vouchers to tell us about the amazing things your child is doing at home.

If you would like to help out in class, do let us know. We are always delighted to have support in class.

There will be a Reception Information Evening on Tuesday 27th September at 6.00pm. Information to follow.

Mrs Fletcher, Mrs Morrish and Mrs Workman will be teaching in Oak and Ash Class during non-contact time.

As part of the school's Healthy Schools policy, we ask that children do not bring sweets or cake into school when it is their birthday. Thank you for your support.