

Reception Curriculum Newsletter – Terms 1 and 2

Welcome to Reception! 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.



We're going on a Bear Hunt! Curriculum Newsletter Reception - Autumn 2017



Literacy

- We will be learning our Talk for Writing texts: *We're going on a Bear Hunt* and *Billy Goats Gruff*
- Focusing on correct pencil grip, pencil control and forming letters
- 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!

Maths

- Sorting, ordering and matching
- Counting in order
- Counting objects accurately
- Recognising numbers
- Solving practical problems
- Simple addition and subtraction
- Making repeated patterns
- Naming simple 2D and 3D shapes
- Beginning to record their ideas and calculations.

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.

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.

Personal and Social Development

We will be learning about:

- Friendships and sharing
- Being independent
- Speaking and listening skills
- How actions affect feelings.

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
- Expressive role play.

We will start 'Dough Disco', a fun fine motor control activity, on 25th September. Please can you bring in a small named pot of Play-Doh to school by this date.

We will be 'Welly Boot' planting during the week 2nd October. Please can you bring in one old wellington for this activity?

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

There will be a Reception Information Evening on **Tuesday 26th September at 6.30pm in the hall**. We will give an overview of the Reception year and will explain the EYFS curriculum.

Mrs Dodwell. A highly experienced EYFS teacher will be teaching in Oak every Wednesday, specialising in Forest School and Art, and in Ash Class on a Thursday.

We have an open door policy and are always happy to chat with you about any concerns you have. There will be a Parent's Consultation Evening later in the term (details to follow) as well as the Information Evening.

**Miss N Simcock (EYFS Leader) Mr C Minards, Mrs G Pearman, Mrs Z Meredith-Smyth, Mrs R Dodwell (Teachers)
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