

# Curriculum Newsletter

## Autumn Term ~ Class (Reception)

So that you feel clear about the teaching and learning intentions for the Autumn Term 2018, please enjoy reading this overview, we hope that you find it helpful ...

Hello there ... this term we will be learning all about 'Nursery Rhymes'. Listening to rhythm and rhyme is a very important tool for young children as it helps to engage them and develop all aspects of literacy.

We will be learning through rhymes, both familiar and unusual, starting with ones about ourselves (for example 'Tommy Thumb'). We will be building a repertoire and will be able to earn a certificate if we can master 8 or more Nursery Rhymes by half term. We will be crime scene investigators, (Humpty Dumpty...but don't spoil the surprise) and problem solvers (Helping Baa Baa Black Sheep among others) and details of our escapades will appear on Tapestry and Class Dojo.

Along the way, we will be learning to play together and to express our own needs. We have a pizza parlour all ready to role play serving various customers our different shaped tasty treats.

We will be trying to look after ourselves, our belongings and our environment, which is not so obvious to little people. We will be learning how to develop muscles and posture to use a pencil correctly to draw and begin to form letters and numbers. We will be having a go at various ball skills and gymnastics. We will be thinking carefully about tenses when we speak and including details to interest the listener and we will be good at listening to instructions and stories.

We will be learning about books and how to use the pictures to tell a story. We will start to look at letters and simple common words in order to help us to transition to reading books with words. We will be looking at numbers up to 10 and using various maths skills to solve problems such as finding bigger leaves to make a picture or giving a teddy a smaller drink. We will be looking at light and dark and thinking about routines in our own family. We will also be looking at the changing seasons around Eagle and celebrate our local bounty in the annual Harvest Festival to which you are all invited.

After half term, our topic will be focusing on food and traditions, so I feel that Harvest is the ideal introduction to this.

It is going to be a very busy time. We will be learning so much, but we won't realise it because we will be playing and having so much fun. Please help your child at this stage with homework in the form of sharing a 'book with no words,' and practicing the letter recognition, sound saying (as a sound: ssss for S, not 'es'), action and formation in their little pink book, which will be arriving as soon as we introduce the first letter.

It's great being in school ... it's so busy!

Mrs Luddington and Mrs Adams

### Messages: Homework

For homework your child will have their reading book and a Letter sounds book, please keep these in their bag between uses. BIG YELLOW homework books will be for later in the year.

You can also help by singing nursery rhymes together to help towards our challenge.

Tapestry is our main form of record and lets you know up to date achievements and observations. It is great when parents post achievements and experiences from their time with you. These can be shared at school with the child, and also contribute towards their profile journey. It is easy to post using the app. Please let us know if you need to be connected.

### PE, Routines and so on

P.E will take place on Wednesday and Friday.

Please ensure that your child has a labelled kit in school – it can simply stay in their locker.

Try to make sure that your child is wearing easy to dress clothes for their uniform. They will need some warm kit for outdoor weather.

Please bring a coat every day because we try and get out whatever the weather.

Remember fruit is provided, but a small healthy snack can be sent in in the morning if preferred.