

Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn Term ~ Class (Reception)

So that you feel clear about the teaching and learning intentions for the Autumn Term 2019, please enjoy reading this overview, we hope that you find it helpful ...

Hello there ... this term we will be learning all about 'Traditional Tales'. Being able to listen to then retell a story is an important part of early learning in readiness for literacy, as well as knowing tales that are popular in British culture.

We will be learning through tales that are familiar to most families. We will begin by talking about our favourite tales then each week we will be experiencing a new tale with the characters and situations that this entails. Details of our escapades will appear on Tapestry and Class Dojo. These will include Little Red Riding Hood, 3 Billy Goats Gruff, 3 Little Pigs, Gingerbread Man, The Little Red Hen and The Enormous Turnip. Of course we will be reading lots of other favourites during this time too.

Along the way, we will be learning to play together and to express our own needs. We have our very own 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 will all be invited.

After half term, our topic will be looking at the world through the stories and celebrations of other cultures, as well as those celebrations more familiar to ourselves.

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 in the form of sharing a book, which will have no words initially to help us talk about what we see and use our imaginations. As well as, practicing the letter recognition, sound saying (as a sound: sss for S, not 'es'), action and formation in their little pink book, which will be arriving as soon as we introduce the first letter – this supports our early reading skills.

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

Mrs Luddington, Ms Egan and Mrs Adams

Messages:

Your child will have their reading book and a letter sounds book, please keep these in their book bag between uses.

You can also help by singing nursery rhymes and sharing a bedtime story, or even singing your favourite pop songs together. These all help build early literacy skills from speaking and listening, to reading and writing.

Tapestry is our main way of recording your child's learning 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.

Routines and so on

P.E will take place on Wednesday and Thursday.

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

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 (or apply suncream) every day because we try and get out whatever the weather.

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