

Reception Class Newsletter



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Welcome back Reception! I hope you and all your families had a good half term break and are ready for the second half of the Autumn Term. We've got a busy few weeks in store and we're looking forward all the wonderful things we're going to explore together.

Literacy

In literacy we will be using the books Leaf Man, The Leaf Thief, Oliver's Vegetables and Supertato to explore the theme of autumn and harvest. We will apply the phonics we learn as we begin to write words and phrases. We will write with purpose by writing letters, lists and wanted posters about the texts we read in class.

We will share lots of other stories together in class, orally creating sentences about the characters (who?) and their actions (what doing?)

Phonics

In phonics this half term, Reception will be learning the next sounds; ff ll ss j v w x y z zz qu ch sh th ng nk. We will also be learning how to write words ending in -s as well as the new tricky words; put, pull, full, as, and his, her, go, no, to, into, she, push, he, of, we, me, and be.

We will be applying the sounds we learn in phonics in our reading and writing. As always, it is vital that the children read at home as well as in school. This consistent practise helps the children to embed what they have learned in phonics and become fluent readers.

Religion

During this half term, we will learn about Baptism and how this is a sign of a new baby or someone older being welcomed into God's family. We will talk about our own Baptisms and look at photos of this special event.

During the season of Advent we will explore how we prepare for the Christmas season. We will learn about the nativity through acting out this amazing event and will enjoy sharing it with our friends and family.

Expressive Art and Design

Linking with the story of Leaf Man, we will explore the work of Andy Goldsworthy by using natural materials and objects we find in the natural environment to create transient artwork. Transient artwork is art that can be continuously moved or manipulated to make new artwork, just like Leaf Man changed on each page of the story.

As part of our harvest theme, we will create still life artwork of autumnal vegetables and fruit, inspired by the still life paintings of a variety of different artists.

Maths

This term we will continue building on our understanding of numbers to 10. We will explore how these numbers can be partitioned (broken into smaller numbers). We will also practise finding one more and one less than a given number to 10. We will also practise recognising a small amount of numbers without need to count them (this is known as subitising).

We will continue to practise counting to 20 and beyond and begin to develop an understanding of the patterns in numbers as we count.

Understanding of the World

This term, Reception will learning all about Autumn and the harvest season. We will explore how the seasons change over time and notice what happens to our environment as the weather becomes cooler.

Later in the term we will be learning about celebrations and festivals including Christmas. We will look at how we prepare for and celebrate Christmas and how other people celebrate around the world. We will look at the traditions people have around the world and compare them with how we celebrate.