

Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn Term ~ Class (Reception)

So that you feel clear about the teaching and learning intentions for the Autumn Term 2015, 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.

Your child will be set a Nursery Rhyme Challenge to learn eight nursery rhymes to recite by heart. They will be able to win a certificate and details of this will be sent separately.

We will go on to form our very own company where we become experts in nursery rhymes. Various nursery rhyme characters will be contacting us to help us to solve their problems. We might get letters from Mr. Dumpty or Little Miss Star and it will be our job to help Mother Goose to help them.

Along the way, we will be learning to play together and to express our own needs. 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 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 will be able to gain access to ebooks at home to help us on our first steps to reading. 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 the local area as well as thinking of customs and traditions from different British groups, including Christmas, Diwali and Hannukah.

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. There will be plenty of opportunity for you to let us know what your child has achieved or experienced out of school hours through their 'Home and Away Book.'

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

Mrs Luddington and Mrs Adams

Update:

Assessment Without Levels

We will use a Stage System which corresponds directly with a child's year group, eg a Year 3 pupil will be working at Stage 3. They will make progress through this stage as they 'begin' (b) to grasp the learning targets, then 'develop' (d), before becoming 'secure' (s).

We will also use a '+' to indicate that they are close to moving on to the next stage. For example, a Year 4 pupil who has achieved over half the objectives in Stage 4, will be 4d+.

In order to give a little more detail, we will run a Parent Information Session on **Tuesday 6th October at 3.30pm** (details will follow).

Messages:

P.E will take place on Wednesday and Friday. Please ensure that your child has a labelled kit in school. Try to make sure that your child is wearing easy to dress clothes in 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.

For homework your child will have their reading book and a 'Home & Away book'.

Soon they will also be given letter sounds to practise saying, reading and writing.

We may give out little projects to do from time to time as well.