

Reception Newsletter

Autumn Term

So that you feel clear about the teaching and learning intentions for the Autumn Term 2016, please enjoy reading this overview. If you have any skills, resources or experiences that you could share with us on this topic, we would love for you to share them with us.

Hello there ... this term we will be learning all about 'OURSELVES'. Because we are getting into the swing of things at school, there is no better place to begin than with yourself.

Your child will be thinking about what it takes to make us the special unique people that we all are: Who are we? What do we like/dislike? Who do we live with? Have we always been this big? Will we get any bigger? What special things can happen in our lives? What are emotions? How can we express these? How do we learn using our senses? How can we help to look after ourselves? How can we look after each other? ... and other such musings. You can help at home by talking about anything and everything and asking (and no doubt answering) lots of questions.

We will go on to form our very own 'company' where we become experts in finding out about ourselves, and communicating information to others. Various people who work in the school will be asking us to help us to solve their problems. We might get letters from Mrs McCutcheon asking us to fill in a census about where we went on holiday or Mrs Ridout could be asking us for a hand in cleaning up the sand area.

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 co-ordinating large body movements with various ball skills and gymnastics. We will be thinking carefully about tenses when we speak, 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 and make predictions. We will start to look at letters and numbers up to 10. We will begin to use 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 on Friday 21st October.

After half term, our topic will be focusing on the local area as well as thinking of customs and traditions from different cultures, 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

Homework:

For homework, in line with our recent consultation, the whole school will be following the same format focusing on two key strands: READING book and a HOMEWORK book.

We would like to see reading happen as regularly as possible and homework will be sent on WEDNESDAY, to be returned the following TUESDAY.

In Reception, we have a 'Home & Away' book too so you can share experiences and build a story of your child's learning journey.

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 for their uniform. They will sometimes need some warm kit for outdoor weather.

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

Please note that we do provide fresh fruit everyday for snack time and they only need something small as dinner is just an hour away.