

Reception Newsletter

Autumn Term

Welcome to your first steps in our partnership as parents and teachers at Eagle School. So that you feel clear about the teaching and learning intentions for the Autumn Term 2017, 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 'The Colours of Our Feelings'. Because we are getting into the swing of things at school, there is no better place to begin than with Ourselves.

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. We will be using snippets and clips from the film 'Inside Out.' To help us to explore and express our emotions.

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 at the end of this first half term (details to follow.)

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.' After a short while your child will be given a Homework book, to complete short, meaningful exercises and share their learning with you.

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

Mrs Luddington and Mrs Adams

Homework:

The whole school follows the same format focusing on two key strands: a 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 Thursday. Please ensure that your child has a labelled kit in school. It helps to make sure that your child is wearing easy to dress clothes for their uniform so that they can be independent. We do go outside if we can, so they will 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 every day for snack time.