## **Autumn**



## **CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER**



Reception

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### **Communication and Language**



In the Autumn term, we will spend a lot of time focussing on the children's ability to listen carefully and develop their understanding of why listening is important. They will follow simple instructions, whilst also listening to and communicating with peers and adults in conversation. The children will be encouraged and taught how to use correct vocabulary in their speech, when speaking with friends and adults. Their language will also be developed in our 'Talk through stories' lessons.

# Personal, Social and Emotional Development



In the Autumn term, our focus will be settling the children into their daily routine, supporting them in forming positive relationships and friendships, whilst providing strategies to help them understand and manage their feelings.

Using 'Jigsaw', we will follow the units 'Being Me in My World' and 'Celebrating Difference'.

### **Physical Development**



In the Autumn term, children will develop their gross and fine motor skills in their play, developing skills such as cutting, threading, pinching and mark making. They will also take part in 'Dough Disco' sessions, to help develop their fine motor skills.

In our weekly PE lessons, children will develop key skills such as running, jumping, throwing, catching, rolling and skipping.

## Mathematics



In Autumn 1, children will begin to match, sort and compare numbers. Children will develop a secure understanding of numbers 1, 2 and 3, whilst also exploring and creating simple patterns.

In Autumn 2, children will begin to explore shapes in our environment and secure their understanding of numbers 4 and 5.

### **Understanding the World**



In the Autumn term, as part of our 'All About Me' topic, children will talk about themselves, their families, their hobbies and recognise similarities and differences between themselves and their peers. As we explore the changes of Autumn, children will be able to discuss their natural environment and use their senses to discuss seasonal changes. We will learn about different religious celebrations that happen during Autumn, including Diwali and Christmas.



### **Literacy and Phonics**



In the Autumn term, children will learn to read and write single letter sounds, through Read Write Inc sessions, and throughout their play. Children's vocabulary will be enhanced through our 'Talk through stories' sessions, where will we read lots of lovely and vocabulary rich stories, such as 'Five Minutes Peace'.

### **Expressive Arts and Design**

In the Autumn term, children will create self-portraits, as part of our 'All About Me' topic, detailing their facial features using a range of colours. Children will use different mediums and materials to create collage pictures, such as pencils, crayons, water colours and tissue paper. Children will experiment with instruments and body percussion to create music. They will also learn songs linked to Christmas and Winter, to perform to an audience.

#### In Reception children are expected to:

- Talk to you about their day and share their learning.
- Read books that will be sent home based on their Phonic ability.



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