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## **Autumn 1 Reception Curriculum Newsletter**

### **Communication and Language Development**

This half term we will be using lots of vocabulary from the books we read in class. The children will be encouraged to 'act out' stories to help them to remember the storylines and language. The children will then be encouraged to rewrite the stories independently. We will be retelling stories from story maps and from sequenced pictures so that the children become very familiar with the texts.

### **Mathematics**

In Maths, the children will be learning about the numerals 1 to 5. We will be looking at different representations of these quantities and different ways we can 'make' 5. We will also learn how to write these numerals. We will be counting to 10 and 20 and counting objects and learning how to count accurately. We will be talking about time in relation to our daily timetable and weekly events at school.

### **Physical Development**

We will be learning how to correctly hold writing tools and other tools such as scissors and cutlery. The children will be learning to form letters correctly and write their first name. Outside, we will be developing our gross motor skills in large scale art and construction activities. In P.E, we are learning to ride the bikes and move our body in lots of different ways using the Move with Max physical development program.

### **Creative Development**

This half term we will drawing and painting pictures of ourselves and our families. We will be enjoying being outside and creating Autumn pictures and Autumn themed collages. We will also be singing and performing nursery rhymes and other favourite songs.

## Religious Education

Each Reception class will be introduced to and learn about their own class Saint. We will then learn about and discuss the Creation of our World and God's gift's to us all. The children will also be learning about the People who care for us and the people who cared for Jesus. We will also be getting to know our new friends, learning to share and take turns and we will discuss and follow class and school rules to make our school a happy place for everyone.

## Understanding the World

We will be talking about our own families and the differences and similarities between our experiences. The children will be invited to bring in a photo of themselves as a baby and we will be looking at and discussing the differences in their appearance then and now! We will also be discussing the changes we observe in relation to Autumn and the change in season.

## Phonics

The children will be learning to link letters to sounds and write the letters correctly. They will then start to blend sounds together to read words and separate words into sounds to write them. We will hold a parent session to explain this in more detail during this half term.

## Reading

The children will be learning simple book terms e.g. title, blurb, author, illustration. As we read to the children we will encouraging them to listen carefully and make predictions about what might happen next, talk about how characters might be feeling and recall what has happened in the story. We will also talk about the structure of stories in simple terms of the beginning, middle and end.

## Writing

Each day the children will learn to correctly form a new letter and practise writing previously taught letters. They will start writing the initial (first) sound in a word and then the medial (middle) and end sounds too. They will also all practise writing their own name using correct letter formation. The children will be exposed to a range of books including fiction, non-fiction, poems and rhymes.