

Autumn Overview Reception 2019

Welcome to your child's first 'Curriculum Overview'. These are sent out at the beginning of each term and detail some of the things your child will be learning about at school. We hope that it helps you to provide further support for your child at home and also to ask that if you have any resources/skills linked to our topics then we would love to hear from you! Whilst in Reception your child will be following the 'Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum' (EYFS). This divides learning into 7 areas, with Religious Education being integral to all areas of learning.



Religious Education

Our units this term are 'God's World' and 'God's Family' include the following:

- Knowing that God loves and cares for each one of us and reflect on this.
- Hear and respond to things God created for us and how to care for it.
- Know that God made each one us different and special and reflect on this.
- Knowing that Angel Gabriel asked Mary to be the mother of God's son.
- Knowing that in advent we prepare to celebrate Christmas.
- Knowing the story of the birth of Jesus and how this is important for us.



Phonics and Literacy

Focus will be on:

- Introducing phase 2 letters and sounds.
- Blending and segmenting these sounds to decode/read and write simple words and sentences.
- Practise writing in different genres using pre-cursive formations.
- Books linked to "All about Me", "Houses and Homes/Building and Construction" and "Autumn/Winter".

Mathematics

Focus will be on:

- Selecting the correct numeral to represent 1 to 10 objects and looking at number formations.
- Counting irregular arrangement of up to ten objects.
- Estimating how many objects they can see and checks by counting them.
- Using the language of 'more' and 'fewer' to compare two sets of objects.
- Finding one more or one less from a group of up to ten objects.
- Using familiar objects and common shapes to create and recreate patterns and build models.



Physical Development

Focus will be on:

- Experimenting with different ways of moving both in the classroom and within PE sessions with Coach Dave.
- Managing their own basic hygiene and personal needs successfully, including dressing and going to the toilet independently.
- Developing cutting skills through cross curricular means.
- Daily Dough Disco and Digit Dance to help develop our fine motor control and coordination to help form recognisable letters.
- Securing a preference for a dominant writing hand.



Personal Social and Emotional Development

Focus will be on:

- Children playing co-operatively, taking turns with others.
- Children being confident to try new activities.
- Taking steps to resolve conflicts with other children, e.g. finding a compromise.
- Building confidence to speak in a familiar group and choosing the resources they need for their chosen activities.
- Encouragement to say when they do or don't need help.
- Being aware of the boundaries set and of behavioural expectations in the setting.



Communication and Language

Focus will be on:

- Joining in with small group and class discussions (listening to others and their views).
- Extending vocabulary through topic work.
- Following instructions involving one or two key parts.



Expressive, Arts and Design

Focus will be on:

- Participating in our weekly Artis sessions.
- Exploring different painting techniques, colours and textures.
- Using recyclable materials to make houses and homes.
- Building our repertoire of songs and dances and experimenting with rhyme and rhythm.

Understanding the World

Focus will be on:

- Children talking about past and present events in their own lives and in the lives of family members.
- They know about similarities and differences between themselves and others.
- Learning about other children's houses and homes from around the world.
- Developing an understanding of growth and changes over time.
- Exploring our school grounds with Miss Hughes.
- Being able to use simple ICT programmes on computers and I pads.



Other information

- PE will be on Friday with Coach Dave. Children currently need their indoor PE kits in school with them. Please ensure that all items are clearly labelled. Girls hair should be tied up and any earrings removed or covered with tape on PE day.
- Artis sessions will take place on Wednesday afternoons each week with our specialist teachers.
- Children need their coats in school every day particularly as we head towards the colder months.

- Reading folders need to be brought to school every day in the children's book bags.
- Children will have the opportunity to 'show' a special item or 'tell' a special piece of news on Fridays. A different house group will be given this opportunity each week to do this, these are the dates for the Autumn Term:

St Andrew (27th September, 8th November)

St David (4th October, 15th November)

St George (11th October, 22nd November)

St Patrick (18th October, 29th November)

We will let you know which house your child is in, so you can assist them with when it is their week for Show and Tell.

- Please continue to help your child to practise putting on/taking off coats and jumpers and getting dressed and undressed.

Important Dates

- **Stay and Learn - Thursday 10th October**
Towards the end of this half term we will be holding a Stay and Learn session where we welcome you in to the classroom to discuss how we teach phonics. You are then invited to explore the classroom with your children to see activities they access to support their learning.
- **Harvest Festival - Tuesday 22nd October**
- **Parents Evening - Tuesday 22nd October or Thursday 24th October**



Thank you for all your support, The Early Years Team

