

Foundation Stage 1

Newsletter

Autumn 2 Term 2021

Please send any photos of your child that you would like to share with us to the email address below. This could be pictures of family celebrations, days out, achievements such as swimming, dancing, riding a bike or anything else that you would like to share with us.

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Communication and Language

We are beginning to learn nursery rhymes and the children are enjoying performing them for each other. We will begin to learn new ones every few weeks and will be sending home the ones that we have learned so that you can sing along with your children. We will also begin to learn some stories this half term using talk for writing. We will be having lots of discussions with the children about the changing seasons and celebrations that happen during this time.

Physical Development

Our children are really enjoying our dough disco sessions, we have been learning the finger family song and also having a dance in time to the music. This half term we will be beginning our Forest School sessions, we will explore our outdoor area and some children may choose to climb the trees and we will begin to use tools. These activities will support the children in their development of both fine and gross motor skills.

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

The children are making great progress at sharing with their friends and taking turns when supported by an adult. Some children are beginning to be able to deal with difficult situations independently, we will continue to support and encourage all children to use their words when they want something and also when they want to share or take turns. This will continue to support their language skills and help them to play together.

Autumn Home Learning Ideas

- ★ We will be sending home some Nursery rhymes that we have learnt in school - please can you encourage your children to sing these at home too.
- ★ See if your children can remember the songs that they have learnt and teach you what to do - practice together!
- ★ Encourage your child to speak in full sentences when speaking with you, rather than answering you with one word. We will be practising this in class every day.

Expressive Arts & Design

We will be making arts and crafts which relate to the changing seasons and our annual celebrations. As we begin to do Forest school sessions, we will be using natural resources in our arts and crafts. Very soon, there will be a virtual Christmas Fayre, we will make something with the children to sell at this event. We will be learning songs in preparation for our Christmas Nativity performance and will continue to learn new Nursery rhymes.

Maths

We will look at counting, shapes, colours and sorting through natural Autumn materials that families and children have collected together and that we collect as a class from our Forest school area. The Nursery rhymes that we are learning will help us to learn count down from 5 while the actions that we use help us to represent numbers while singing.

Literacy

This half term we will be reading lots of Autumn themed stories and non-fiction books. We will read lots of Christmas stories including learning about the real Christmas story. We will continue to read different stories with the children every day, if your child has a favourite story that they love to read at home, please send this in for us to share with all the children at school. Please encourage your child to borrow a book from school to share at home.

Understanding of the World

We will be learning about the changing seasons as we explore outdoors and discuss Autumnal changes. We will continue to spend lots of time outside on a daily basis, please ensure that your children have suitable, coats, wellies and hats, gloves and scarves.



If you have any queries or questions at all, please do not hesitate to ask or call school on 01302 349275.
Thank you for your continued support, The Foundation Stage 1 Team.

