

# Foundation Stage 1

## Newsletter

### Autumn 2 Term 2023

#### 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 week and we will send them home so that you can sing along with your children. Among the stories that we will learn this half term are 'Leaf Man' and 'We're going on a leaf hunt'. We will be talking about the changing seasons and celebrations that happen during this time. We will also learn the story of the Nativity and learn songs for our performance.

#### Expressive Arts & Design

We will be making arts and crafts which relate to the changing seasons and our annual celebrations. Our Christmas Fayre is happening soon and the children will make something 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.



#### Physical Development

Our children will begin to have dough disco and pen disco sessions indoors to support their fine motor development. This half term as the weather changes from Autumn to Winter, it is more important than ever that the children come to school prepared - spare clothes and shoes and wellingtons are a must. We will be outdoors as this is a key part of the children's development.

#### Maths

We will look at counting, colours, patterns and recognising groups of 2, 3, 4 and 5 items without having to count them. Every day we are practising counting when we do circle time and line up outdoors. 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.

#### Personal, Social & Emotional Development

Most children have now settled well into the routines at Nursery and are happy, making friends and interacting with peers and adults. The children are beginning to learn how to take turns and share with their friends 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. In school we use a sand timer as a visual aid to support children in knowing when it is time to share something with their friends and most children are beginning to be happy to use the timer.

#### 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.



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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#### Autumn Home Learning Ideas

We will be sending home some Nursery rhymes that we have learned in school - please can you encourage your children to sing along with these at home too.

See if your children can remember the songs that they have learned 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.

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.