



WHAT WE ARE LEARNING

Autumn 2 2019: This half term our topic is 'Light and Dark'.

A warm welcome back to everyone! We hope you have had a restful break. This term we will be exploring differences between light and dark and learning about different celebrations around this time of year such as Bonfire Night and Christmas.

Personal Social Emotional Development (PSED)

- We will continue to establish our rules and routines.
- We will be learning how to share toys and play co-operatively with our friends.
- We will be developing our listening skills when others are talking.
- We will have opportunities to share our ideas and opinions.

Communication and Language (CL)

- We will talk about our family traditions and celebrations.
- We will discuss what we know about light and dark.

Understanding of the World (UW)

- We will talk about different traditions and special events such as Diwali and Bonfire Night.
- We will discuss difference between night and day.
- We will explore different light sources.
- We will develop our understanding of the changes in weather and the environment around us.

Expressive Arts and Design (EAD)

- We will create pictures of different firework displays.
- We will create models of rockets and fireworks.
- We will be making dens and caves in Forest School.
- We will make cards and decorations for the winter celebrations.

Mathematical Development (MD)

- We will learn to count, recognise and order numbers up to 20 and beyond.
- We will explore the properties of 2D shapes.
- We will compare numbers and quantities and talk about them using mathematical terms such as more and less.

Physical Development (PD)

- We will look at how we use our bodies and talk about how some people are different from us.
- We will explore different ways of moving our body.
- We will learn to balance, jump and move around climbing equipment.
- We will talk about what happens to our bodies when we exercise.

Literacy

- We will read the books 'Whatever Next!', 'Can't You Sleep Little Bear?' and 'The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark.'
- We will continue our daily phonic sessions.
- We will be learning how to apply our phonics to our writing.

Important Date for this half term



Maths Morning:

Come along and join us for our Maths Morning on Wednesday 20th November 2019 from 9-10am.

Key Information for Reception - Autumn 2

Water Bottles and Snack- As a school, we provide a free fruit snack daily so there is no need for snacks to be brought in. Please provide your child with a named water bottle that they can access throughout the day.

Toys- Please do not allow your child to bring toys and jewellery items from home into school. These cause problems with sharing and can easily be lost or damaged.

Forest School - Our Forest School day will now be every **Tuesday**. Every child is provided with waterproof trousers but please ensure your child has wellington boots and a waterproof coat on these days.

Punctuality- Reception class doors open from **9.00am** and close at 9.15am. Please make sure you drop and collect your child promptly every day. All children must be collected by someone who is 16 or over.

Playground - We would like to remind all parents and children to please ensure they do not play with any toys or equipment before or after school. Thank you for your cooperation.

Other Useful Information:

- Please ensure all items of clothing and school bags are **clearly labelled** with your child's name and class (please note that names can fade after washes so please check regularly).
- To keep all children safe, it is vital you inform us of any allergies/medical conditions your child may have.
- Please ensure the office have up-to-date contact information (phone numbers and addresses) in case of emergencies or changes in circumstances.
- **PE is usually on a Monday** so please ensure that kits are brought into school for that day. Please make sure all PE clothing is labelled and in a suitable bag.
- Please make sure your child bring in their book bag every day and check their bag regularly for letters and notes.
- **Homework** is handed out every **Friday** and due back the following **Wednesday**.
- Reading books are changed once a week.

We hope your child has a great term.

Reception staff