

Reception Curriculum Letter – Autumn 2, 2023

It's the second half term already! We have had so much fun exploring and learning with your children, and are thankful for all of the support you have given in reading, getting children to school on time, and learning follow ups.

Moon Class - Naomi, Christina and Massah **Star Class** - Huw, Emma and Mahira **EYFS practitioner** - Stephanie

Topic

Our class topic this half term is 'traditional tales'. We will use our English texts to explore the tales, and use them as themes to enhance our seven areas of learning.

English (reading and writing)

We will be following the talk for writing approach this half term, which means that we will be learning some traditional tales off by heart, retelling and ordering the stories, and maybe even having a go at writing our own class story with traditional tale criteria. The texts we will be learning are: The Three Little Pigs, The Three Billy Goats Gruff and The Gingerbread Man. Our phonics will focus on the rest of the Phase 2 sounds, including some digraphs!

Maths

In maths, we will be reading Goldilocks and The Three Bears and learning to compare height, length, capacity and mass. We will be consolidating our knowledge on numbers up to five and learning number facts within numbers up to five. We will also be learning 2D shapes, positional language, and the days of the week! We will read The Little Red Hen to talk about sequencing!

Physical development

This term we will be starting PE lessons! We will be learning to dress and undress ourselves, organise our belongings and put our shoes on independently. We will be focusing on jumping, and will use gymnastics equipment to develop this skill. We will also continue to explore movement in our bodies as we learn in our outside area making and navigating obstacle courses in safe ways.

Understanding the world

In people and communities, we will be learning about Diwali, bonfire night and Christmas. We will be learning about similarities and differences between how we live, and people in other areas in the world live, and we will have a go at making maps. In Science, we will be exploring materials, contrasting environments, solids and liquids, and process that happen when cooking. We will enhance learning through the use of technology, by filming storytelling, using google earth, and creating chatterpix characters.

Art/DT

We will be exploring art through different materials including electronic devices. We will learn techniques of how to use paintbrushes and sponges. We will create diya lamps, firework pictures and winter art. In DT we will be cooking porridge, gingerbread and bread dough. We will also be learning how to complete different strong joins when putting materials together to make bridges.

PSHE

The focus this term is 'Celebrating difference'. We will be thinking about, what we are good at and what makes us special. We will be thinking about families and how some are different to our own. We will be thinking about houses and home, making friends and standing up for ourselves.

Rough daily timetable:

9:00-9:30: Phonics
9:30-10:55: Independent learning time with teacher lead activities.
10:55-11:25: English
LUNCH
12:25-13:00: Maths
13:00-15:00: Independent learning time with teacher lead activities and snack.
15:00-15:20: Topic/Science/Art/PSHE
15:20 - 15:30: Story and Ready for home

Dates for the diary:

Monday morning reading! - Remember first thing every Monday you can come to read with your child in the classroom.
School trip! - This term we are hoping to go to a local library to listen to a story.
The Nativity! - This term we will be learning about the Christmas story. We will invite grown-ups in to see what we have learnt!