

Autumn 2 Term - Reception



Writing

Children will begin to develop their early writing skills by listening carefully to the sounds they can hear in words and recording the initial sounds they hear. As their confidence develops, we will encourage children to segment words and have a go at writing the sounds they can hear, building towards writing simple words and, eventually, sentences. We will continue to celebrate their attempts and encourage them to use their phonics knowledge independently.

We are reading...



Number

In Maths this term, we will continue to develop our understanding of numbers through practical, hands-on activities and play. We will focus on numbers to 5, counting carefully, recognising small quantities without counting (subitising), and exploring 1 more and 1 less. We will also explore shapes and their properties, as well as developing our understanding of measure by comparing objects using mathematical language such as bigger, smaller, longer, shorter, taller, heavier and lighter.

Phonics

We will continue learning our **Phase 2 sounds** and begin to look at **tricky words**. Please refer to our weekly update for the sounds and words we are learning each week. We would really appreciate your support in practising the **new sounds at home**, helping your child to recognise them and use them when reading and writing

Reading

We are so excited to be starting the children's reading journey and helping them to develop a love and enjoyment of books! Each child will be allocated to a reading group, where they will practise reading their book at school three times a week.

Your child will also bring their reading book home to share with you. This is a lovely opportunity for them to practise what they have been learning and enjoy a special "show off read" at home. We encourage you to celebrate their efforts and enjoy the story together

As the children's reading books are shared between groups, please could we ask that books are returned by the following Monday. This allows us to reallocate them and give your child a new book to continue their reading journey.

We understand that books can sometimes be forgotten or misplaced. However, if a previous reading book hasn't been returned, we may need to wait before sending another one home, as we have a limited number of books to share.

Thank you so much for your support as we begin this exciting part of the children's learning.



EAD

This term, the children will continue to develop their creativity and imagination through a range of art, music, movement, role play and creative activities. The children will also explore seasonal and Christmas-themed experiences, including creating decorations, cards and artwork, singing familiar songs and learning new Christmas songs and rhymes. Through role play and imaginative play, they will have opportunities to develop storylines, take on different roles and build on their own experiences.

PE

This term, we will have one PE session each week. We are very lucky to have our PE coach joining us on Tuesdays, where the children will be developing their skills through a fun and exciting dance unit. Alongside our weekly PE session, we will continue to enjoy of outdoor activities and games as a cohort, giving the children plenty of opportunities to build their strength, coordination, balance and confidence while having lots of fun!

PSED

Alongside our weekly circle-time discussions, we will also be working towards a very special Christmas Tea Party! 🎄 ✨ The children will be developing their independence, confidence and teamwork as they learn how they can contribute to making our celebration special. From helping to prepare and organise, to making decorations and thinking about how we can work together, the children will have lots of opportunities to share ideas, make choices and take pride in their contributions.

Other

Our Early Years Team
Your child's class teachers are:

Larks: Mrs Rider

Starlings: Miss Rose

We are also very lucky to have Mrs Button as part of our Early Years team. She works closely with both classes, supporting the children with their learning, play and day-to-day routines.

UTW

This term, we will be learning all about 'Me and My Body', developing our understanding of our five senses and how our bodies grow and change as we get older.

We will also explore the seasons, noticing the changes that happen as we move from autumn into winter. Alongside this, we will learn about different celebrations and traditions, including Bonfire Night, Diwali and Christmas, exploring how people celebrate in different ways.

Messages

KEY DATES:

Friday 6th November

🎁 Non-uniform Hamper Day

🎵 School Disco – 4:00–4:45pm

Wednesday 18th November

👋 Parent Drop-In

Friday 20th November

💛 Non-uniform Children in Need

Monday 30th November

🏠 Staff Training Day – School Closed

Tuesday 1st December

🎄 Christmas Craft Fair

Thursday 10th December

🎅 Christmas Jumper Day & School Christmas Dinner

Wednesday 16th December - EYFS Christmas tea party.