



Autumn 1

Welcome to our school. I hope you all had a lovely summer. This newsletter will give you information about what we will be learning this half term, in addition to following the children’s interests.

Our Topic



This term our topics are **All About Me, People who help us** and **The Gruffalo** We will be learning more about ourselves, our families and the world in which we live. We will be basing our learning on the following books -



Physical Development

We will be working on developing our gross and fine motor skills. This includes-

Holding a pencil correctly

Making pattern formations such as zig zag, curves, circles in sand, shaving foam etc and then using a pencil

Early letter formation on sand, foam etc

Self-care skills – toileting, hand hygiene, dressing and undressing.

Communication and Language



We are continually developing our speaking and listening skills through carpet and circle time activities. Children also have opportunity to take part in show and tell sessions. All parents will receive a timetable to show what children should bring in for each session – this may be a favourite toy, a photo from a special place.....

Maths

This half term we will be learning about key times of the day, class routines, use of positional language, matching, sorting and comparing amounts, comparing size, mass and capacity, exploring pattern and number and place value 0-3.



Literacy



We will begin learning our phonics sounds using the Read Write Inc programme. More information will be provided to parents on how we teach phonics and support you can give at home on **FRIDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER at 2.30pm**

Children will be encouraged to mark make and begin emergent writing in all areas of the classroom.

P.E and Forest Schools



Our P.E day will be **WEDNESDAY**. We will aim to be outside for our P.E sessions as much as possible so please ensure children have kit in school for being outside in all weathers. This half term our PE will be Active Athletics, focusing on moving in a variety of ways in and out of cones and obstacles and stopping on command.

Our Forest School sessions will take place on a **TUESDAY**. Please can children bring in named wellies in a plastic bag.

Understanding the World



This half term we will be learning about seasonal changes, especially autumn. We will be thinking about how we have changed from when we were a baby, where we fit in our families and talking about special times in our lives.

Expressive Art and Design

This half term we will be learning about colour mixing, exploring model making and learning about beat and tempo in music.

R.E

Our RE topic this half term is “Being Special; Where do I belong?”. This topic introduces children to the Christian, Muslim and Hindu faiths through learning about how babies are welcomed into these faiths.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

This half term is all about helping your child to settle into life at school and learning some of the expectations we have of them such as listening, sharing, and being a kind friend.



Home Learning

All parents are invited to a workshop about how you can support your child with reading at home on **FRIDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER at 2.30pm**