

Communication and Language:

As the children settle into the routine of the school day, they will be encouraged to listen and maintain attention during carpet times. This might be listening to stories, instructions or having a class 'chat'. They will be encouraged to play with words, learning and using new words, as well as using language in their play to imagine and create roles and situations.

Mathematics:

The children will meet numbers and maths everywhere! We will sing number songs, learn how to count carefully and accurately, recognise numbers and solve problems involving adding and subtraction groups of two small amounts together. We will be weighing ingredients in our baking too. Our maths learning is practical and hands on!

Understanding the World:

We will be looking closely at all the seasonal changes as Autumn arrives. We will celebrate Harvest, thinking about how our food gets to our plates and finding out about how bread is made, with Little Red Hen's help. We will make our own bread, and bring some home to share with our families.

Expressive Arts and Design:

The children will be encouraged to respond to their learning through painting, music, movement and drama. We will create a dance based on Oliver's Vegetables and will learn songs too. The children will be encouraged to use role play and small world play to re-enact the stories they know as well as creating their own stories, using props they can find around the classroom to support their play.

Literacy:

Writing: The children will be encouraged to write in lots of different situations. They will be encouraged to give meaning to the marks they make and when it is appropriate, use letter sounds for the words they want to write.

Reading: The children will have experience of listening to, joining in with and retelling stories, rhymes and poems, including our key stories, Little Red Riding Hood and The Little Red Hen. They will become more confident when handling books.



PSED:

During this half term, we will concentrate on settling the children into their new routines and helping them manage whole days at school. They will find out about our school rules and begin to understand the importance of working together with lots of other children as well as being part of a class. As they develop new friendships they will be supported to play collaboratively and with how to negotiate whose ideas are listened to and followed, along with taking care of each other and the resources in the classroom and outdoors.

Phonics:

The children will start to have a daily phonics session where they will be introduced to some of the sounds which make up our language. They will learn letter names as well as sounds (phonemes) and how to segment words into individual sounds as well as blending sounds into words. They will also be encouraged to listen out for rhyming words, and sing lots of traditional Nursery rhymes.

Physical Development:

The children will have opportunity to develop their gross and fine motor skills. They will have access to the outdoors where they will practise movements which will help with letter formation. They will also be encouraged to develop a pincer grip to hold a pencil. The children will have a PE session in the hall where they will be taught specific skills.

Forthcoming Events:

Reception Harvest Celebration
Monday 9th October, 2.45pm – you are welcome to join us in the Hall for a few songs and poems.

Reception 'Welcome' meeting
Tuesday 26th September – we look forward to seeing you at our meeting in the School Hall at 6.30pm

National Poetry Day
Thursday 28th September – we will celebrate by sharing our favourite rhymes and learning a few new poems.

FOREST SCHOOLS

We are very lucky to have Mrs Smith working with each class in turn over the year to take the children to our Wishing Woods as part of the Forest Schools programme.

This term it's Cherry class' turn! Please ensure your child has a **waterproof coat and wellies** in school all the time – we go out whatever the weather.