

Communication and Language

The children will bring in objects from home to share with us and talk about. (Show and Tell)

The children will listen to the story 'Owl Babies' and read a selection of other stories about autumn and hibernating animals. They will use language from these books to re-enact the stories.

Literacy

We will look closely at the letters in our names and practice writing them.

In phonics we will start to learn sets of sounds and use these to begin reading and writing simple words.

We will provide reading and writing opportunities inside and outside for the children to access through their play

Understanding of the World

The children will share information about their families and homes

They will learn about which foods are good as a healthy snack.

We will notice signs of Autumn and learn about animals that hibernate. We will look in depth at owls.

We will use technology to find out new facts, and we will learn about how to stay safe when online.

Reception – Autumn A

Marvellous Me



Mathematics

The children will begin using number rhymes to help them explore amounts up to 5.

They will count selections of objects saying one number name for each item.

We will be exploring how numbers can be represented in a variety of ways. We are working on recognizing number patterns to 5 without needing to count them.

Maths activities will be set out daily for the children to use in their play.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

In this first half term our time will mainly be spent ensuring that the children feel settled, safe and happy.

We will learn about the Golden Rules and why they are important.

Children will talk and think about their families and friendships. We will learn about different emotions and how to respond to them. We link feelings to colours and have a zone in each classroom that allows the children to take some time to think about their feelings.

Physical Development

The children will practice their fine motor skills daily in 'Busy Fingers' activities.

In 'Superhero Training' the children will develop their upper body and core strength to help them become good writers and improve their posture.

In PE, children will be focusing on travelling in different ways and stopping and starting.

Expressive arts and design

In art, the focus this term is on using a range of different media to create new effects, and creating a self-portrait as part of the whole school art project.

The children will be using collage materials to decorate letters, particularly their Initial.

We will use new techniques to make owl pictures, and experiment with media to create effects.

Finally, we will be exploring what happens when colours are mixed, and creating a selection of autumn colours.

Forest Schools

Forest Schools – at all times the children are taught to observe seasonal changes in the natural world.

Learn the names of common trees and plants that grow around the neighbourhood.

Remember how to stay safe while out and about – road safety and stranger danger.

Important Dates/Information

The full dates for the term are available on our website:

Thursday 10th September – Parent info meeting 6.15pm

Friday 25th September – Macmillan Coffee Morning

Wednesday 7th October – Food Collection for Harvest

Thursday 8th October – School photographer takes individual pictures

Tuesday 20th and Thursday 22nd October – Parent Teacher Consultations

26th November – Trip to St Albans Abbey

Reminders

Please name the children's belongings and ensure they have a coat in school every day.

Email or ring the school if you need to discuss any concerns.

Water bottles come into school on a Monday, the teachers will refill during the week and they will be sent home on a Friday.

Please send a family photo into school so we can display these in our role-play area.

Show and Tell will be done in groups. We will remind the children when it is their turn. We'll display the groups on the window and add them to the class page on the website.

If you would like to have a turn taking the class hamster home please mention it to your Teacher/Teaching Assistant.

Whole School Value: Respect

We are fair, tolerant, caring, polite.