

Autumn one in Reception



Drawing Club

Drawing Club is the name we give to our daily literacy session. Each week we will focus on a different book allowing the children to develop their creative skills, enhance their vocabulary, build on their ability to focus and maintain attention and helps the children with their fine motor skills. In each session the children will listen to the same story and then learn some new vocabulary accompanied with actions to help develop their understanding and memory. The children will then be encouraged to draw a picture relevant to a particular part of the story and then use early handwriting skills and their knowledge of the phonics they are being taught to "unlock the magical code!"

We are reading...



Phonics

We are so excited to begin our phonics programme with the children this term and we are looking forward to seeing the progress they will make. We follow the "Little Wandle" phonics programme and over this half term the children will be introduced to the sounds s,a,t,p,i,h,m,d,g,o,c,k,ck,e,u,r,h,b,f,l and also the "tricky words" is, I and the. Our phonic sessions take place daily.

Maths

In maths this half term we will begin by focussing on the ability to match, sort and compare a range of objects and patterns, developing the children's skill on making and creating their own rules for this. We will be learning the skill of subitising numbers up to 3 (the ability to look at an amount and instantly recognise it) and exploring number composition. The children will be able to recognise that all numbers are made up of groups of 1.

Like all areas of learning in reception, the children will have access to our maths areas inside and out to develop their mathematical thinking in learn choice times.

Science

We will begin our science journey by looking at our bodies and all the wonderful things they can do. The children will be able to identify different parts of their bodies and how we use them effectively and gain an understanding of how our bodies adapt to enable us to learn new skills.

Alongside this we will be exploring the natural world around us looking at seasonal change and gaining an understanding of our local environment.

Art

Our art lessons will take place every week on a Friday. During this time, we will teach children specific skills that will not only aid them creatively but also physically with their fine and gross motor skills being tested too. The children will be taught how to use a range of tools and resources effectively allowing them to see that art can be "the same but different" just like us!



Geography

In Geography we will be looking at our local community. We will be focussing on places that are special to us and how these can be different from our friends and other people. This will then lead us on to looking at the roles of different people in society and how we all work together to create a community.

RE

Our job in RE this half term is to get the children thinking openly and independently. We will be looking at what makes us unique and what makes us special. We will then use the information we have gathered from our discussions look at how many of us have similar thoughts to one another and how this might link to the special places we looked at in our geography lessons. We will also be looking at seasonal celebrations.

Music

In music we will be looking at the range of sounds that can be heard in our local environment, in nature and the sounds that we can make with our own bodies too! We will develop the skills of using our voices in a range of ways and be learning a selection of simple songs too!

Sunshine Circles

We use sunshine circles to help the children learn and be aware of their social and emotional wellbeing. Through a selection of group activities, the children will develop their skills of communication, working as part of a team and making them more empathetic to others feelings.

Just remember...

- Please name anything and everything brought in from home!
- Our PE day is on a Friday, please come dressed in PE and trainers.
- Please remember to bring a named water bottle into school every day.
- Bring outdoor clothes suitable for the weather conditions (we go outside whatever the weather) that are clearly named.
- Please do not bring any toys in from home.
- We are here to help! If you have a question, query or concern please just ask!

PE

To round off our week we will be taking part in weekly PE sessions, we know these are a firm favourite with many of our children! Our focus for this half term is getting the children to being able listen and follow simple instructions and to encourage the children to travel and move in a range of ways. The children will also be developing their skills of being able to negotiate space effectively.