

# Reception Autumn 1 Newsletter

## Literacy (Reading & Writing)

Children will begin to link sounds to letters, sounding and naming the letters of the alphabet through phonic songs, games and activities.

Children will be encouraged to listen to stories with increasing attention and recall. Children will be encouraged and supported through a variety of opportunities in the areas of learning, to recognise and write their name and other things such as labels and captions.

## Communication & Language (Listening & Attention/ Understanding/ Speaking)

Through a variety of interactive group activities, such as, singing familiar nursery rhymes, playing games and discussion times, encouragement and support will be given to develop and enhance children's:

- listening, attention and turn taking skills
- use language as a powerful means of widening contacts, sharing feelings, experiences and thoughts
- Use talk to connect ideas, explain what is happening and explain what might happen next, recall and relive past experiences.

## Mathematics (Number/ Shape, Space and Measure)

In practical activities, number rhymes and songs and discussion, children will have the opportunity to extend their understanding of number through the mastery approach. The children will explore each number in turn looking at the many ways to represent each number linking with counting, money, shape, time and ordering numbers.

## Understanding The World

Specific focuses in the Foundation Stage are very much led by the children's interests. During the first few weeks children's personal, social and emotional development will be supported and enhanced through our 'All about Me' focus. During the month of October children's understanding of the world will be enhanced through our learning of Harvest Festival and Diwali.

## Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Lots of support will be given to our young children as they settle into Reception and begin to form good relationships with their peers and familiar adults. Christian and British Values will be central to our daily lives in Reception Class. Children will be encouraged and supported to accept the needs of others, take turns and share resources. As routines are established, support and encouragement will be given to help children understand and abide by the Golden Rules.

## Physical Development

Support and encouragement will be given to encourage correct pencil hold (between thumb and two fingers), good pencil control and correct letter formation. Children will participate in a variety of physical activities and games in and outdoors aimed at motivating them to be active and develop the skills and confidence to move freely and negotiate space safely. During P.E. we will be participating in gymnastic movements developing those important skills of co-ordination, travel and balance on large apparatus.

## Expressive Arts & Design

Children will learn to safely use and explore a variety of materials, tools and techniques, experimenting with colour, design, texture, form and function. They will be encouraged to represent their own ideas, thoughts and feelings through design and technology, art, music, dance, role-play and stories. They will use different techniques to create self portraits and use their bodies to create images through the 'All about me' topic.

