



Reception Newsletter



Autumn 2021

Welcome to Reception!!

We would like to share some of the work planned for the Reception Class this term through our theme of 'People who help us,' with a focus on Autumn, Harvest and Christmas.

If you have any questions or queries throughout the term, do not hesitate to contact us.

Language, Literacy and Communication

Following our reading scheme Read, Write Inc, we will begin to learn to recognise, use and write some letter sounds as we focus on a group of sounds each week. We will be learning to listen carefully and blend sounds together so that we can begin to read simple words. As a class, we will read a range of texts to develop our early reading skills and which will also help us to become more confident and independent. We will read together 'The Little Red Hen' and a story about the adventures of 'Leaf Man' linked to our themes of autumn and Harvest. We will complete fun challenges in other areas linked to these books. We will be learning about the different jobs people do and we will have the opportunity to ask the police officer and fire fighter lots of questions about their jobs. We will enjoy taking on the role of different jobs in our role-play through our theme. In writing, we will form the letters of the sounds we are learning and write for different purposes. We will copy and complete handwriting patterns using a range of activities and tools including the interactive whiteboard. Using 'My Story' app the children will create a digital book about People who help us in school.

Welsh Language Development

We will be reading Welsh interactive stories about 'Tedi Twt ar y fferm' and when Tedi Twt is poorly and the doctor makes him better. These stories will teach us new vocabulary and language patterns in Welsh. This term, we will be extending our weather vocabulary and we will build on the children's understanding of classroom commands. We will also be working hard to help our school achieve the Silver 'Siarter' award.

Mathematical Development

We will enjoy counting, reading, writing and ordering numbers to 10 and beyond as appropriate. We will use Numicon to begin to develop an understanding of the concepts of 1 more and 1 less. We will build on the work carried out in Nursery, through indoor and outdoor activities, to develop our knowledge and vocabulary of number and measures including size, length, weight and shape. We will carry out different sorting, comparing and ordering activities related to our theme. We will explore and use natural resources collected on our Autumn walks e.g. leaves, acorns to create patterns and to compare sizes and weight.



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Knowledge and Understanding of the World

We will find out about People who help us at home, in school and how the Police officer, Fire-fighter, Doctor, Nurse and Lollipop lady help us. We will use the internet to learn about the Fire Station and to find about how firefighters help people. We will use our senses to explore materials and investigate which material will be best for a glove to keep the Lollipop lady dry. We will be using the resources on the HWB website, ipads, cameras and interactive boards to support our learning.

Physical Development

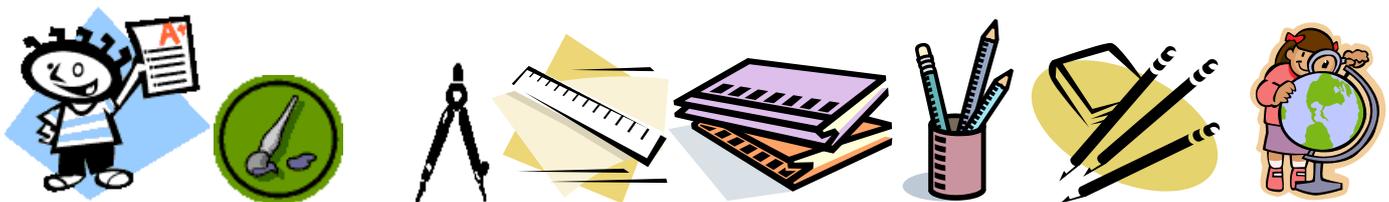
We will be developing our skills to listen and follow instructions and to explore different types of movements. Sessions will be planned to develop confidence, co-ordination, gross motor skills and spatial awareness. We will have plenty of opportunities to watch our friends and talk about their work. Through lots of varied activities including Funky Fingers, and by using different tools and resources we will strengthen our muscles to develop our fine motor skills.

Personal and Social Development, Well-being and Cultural Diversity

Through stories, we will share feelings, fears and emotions and discuss different experiences during our regular Circle Time sessions. We will develop the confidence to talk about school issues, friendships, sharing and keeping/feeling safe. We will focus on Harvest and Christmas as our theme develops.

Creative Development

We will learn to identify and play different percussion instruments and we will use our voices and parts of our bodies to develop a sense of rhythm. We will listen to various types of music and will begin to use the words 'loud, quiet, fast and slow' to describe the music. We will learn a range of songs related to the theme and seasons. We will focus on the work of Andy Goldsworthy and on our autumn walks and outdoor work, collect leaves, cones etc to recreate our own Andy Goldsworthy art! In painting, we will have plenty of opportunities to explore colour mixing to make autumnal shades and we will also be developing our drawing, printing and modelling skills. I'm sure lots of glitter will be used! We will enjoy role-playing in the class doctor's surgery, fire station or whatever the children choose!



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Reminders

Any questions

If you need to speak to us please ring the school for an appointment.
Thank you for your support.

PE Sessions

Children will be required to wear their PE kits to school on their PE day. They can wear a t-shirt, shorts, joggers or leggings and trainers. There are school colour house t-shirts available in the school office if you wish to purchase one. If you are unsure of your child's house colour please ask us.

RH and RN pupils need to wear PE kit to school on a Friday

Bags, fruit and drinks

The children are settling well into reception, we are so pleased! To make the morning routine even easier for them, please can your child bring their morning fruit and drink in a small book bag or just carry them in, so that they can be easily placed in the baskets as they enter the classrooms. This also avoids them becoming confused over if they are having packed lunch or dinners. We do have red school book bags available to purchase from the school office if you wish. If your child is having school dinners there is no need for them to bring in a rucksack. Please can you label the fruit and drink bottles clearly with your child's name.



Many thanks for your support ☺

