

## **Autumn Term excerpts of learning in Reception**

This term in Reception we have worked hard to learn new routines, consolidate new friendships and understand the expectations of school. We have been getting to know each other and building relationships with both the staff and our peers. We have been learning about the topic 'Ourselves' and are looking forward to exploring 'Festivals and Celebrations' after the half term. Our planning is focussed around a 'hook' or starting point and then develops around the children's interests and ideas.

### **Literacy**

In literacy we have been describing our families and discussing what is important to us; we have looked at our senses, our bodies and our favourite foods. We have shared the book 'You Choose' to help learn about our preferences. The children have enjoyed sharing stories about Harvest, particularly enjoying the story of 'The Little Red Hen'. We have been encouraging role play to promote speaking and listening skills and have enjoyed watching the children initiate their own story



telling.

We have begun phase 2 of phonics and are working hard on learning new letter sounds. We are beginning to blend and segment letters to read words!

### **Maths!**

In Maths this term we have been using lots of practical resources to explore number, shape and measure. We have worked hard with counting sets of objects and engage in daily counting of how many children are in school, how many children are having packed lunches or school dinners.

We have begun exploring shapes in the environment and will learn about pattern in the coming term. We have been exploring size and using mathematical language to compare objects in their size and



weight. Another area of maths we are exploring is sequencing events as an introduction to looking at time. We have been learning the days of the week and have been finding out in which months we have our birthdays.



## **Understanding about the World and RE!**

We are learning about the world around us; considering how we interact with the world and thinking about the people closest to us, our family and friends. We enjoyed working with Year One to learn about Harvest and the importance of sharing food with those-in-need. We worked really hard to perform in our first service, singing a song as a class.

After half term we will be exploring Diwali, the festival of light, and other celebrations around the world before exploring Christmas.

