

<p>PSED</p> <p>We will be thinking about Friendship. We will be thinking about getting on and falling out and being a good friend. We will be learning about feelings and how some actions and words can hurt others feelings. Children will become aware of what it is like to feel happy or upset and how we can comfort our friends who might be upset. We always refer to our school rules in class and will be working hard to achieve these and be shining examples!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Talk to your child about friendship and how we can be a kind and considerate friend to their class mates, remind them of the 'right things to do' when with their peers. ★ Remember the whole school rules are printed on the inside of each child's reading diary. 	<p>PD</p> <p>Mrs Halliday will be taking the children for Write Dance sessions this half term. This involves using the gross and fine motor skills that supports the skills for writing. The children will also be using some small equipment such as beanbags and balls. Children will be continuing to use small tools and equipment. They will be encouraged to mark make, making marks that represent their name. We will continue to use the letter formation patter to help the children with their letter formation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Practice using small tools like scissors, paint brushes, play dough tools at home. Encourage your child to write letters using the Read, Write, Inc patter, ie 'Around the apple and down the leaf!' ★ Your child will now need a full PE kit- black shorts, white t-shirt and black plimsolls on their peg everyday please. We will send them home for washing before each holiday. Thanks. 	<p>Communication Language and Literacy</p> <p>We will be continuing to develop our listening skills, maintaining attention and remaining focussed. We will be working on extending the children's use of vocabulary, encouraging them to answer questions with long descriptive sentences and accurate detail. We will be practicing for Reception's Christmas nativity- using clear, confident singing and speaking voices.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Continue to share story books with your child. Ask questions of the stories such as, What might this story be about? What might happen next? Who is your favourite character, why? Is he friendly, kind, nice etc? What was your favourite part of the story?
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<p>Please remember to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Read with your child at least four times a week and record it in their reading log so your child can work their way towards a book mark or book and greatly improve their reading! ★ Keep reinforcing the sounds we are teaching in school with your child. ★ After having seven weeks in school, please now encourage your child to come into the Reception classrooms on their own and as independently as possible. Thank you. ★ Do not send in toys with your child unless it is their 'Focus Week'. ★ Please keep all items of clothing named. ★ Please keep logging into Mathletics and Active learn. Using these programmes will really promote learning. ★ Remember Homework is sent out on a Thursday and must be returned on a Tuesday. Thank you. 	<p>Reception Newsletter</p> <p>Autumn 2</p> <p>Miss Westgarth</p> <p>Discoverers</p> 	<p>Information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Don't forget Reception's Christmas nativity will be held on Thursday the 14th of December and Friday the 15th of December at 9.15am. We look forward to seeing you there! ★ Receptions Christingle Church service will be held on Tuesday the 19th of December and our Christmas party will be on Monday the 18th- information about these events will follow soon. ★ Remember you can load information onto Tapestry about what your child has done at home? If you have any pictures or videos, please load them onto Tapestry so we can share them at school and with Key Workers. Thank you!
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<p>Literacy</p> <p>In Literacy sessions this half term there will begin to be a greater focus on writing and letter formation. The children will continue to be encouraged to 'Think it and Say it' before attempting to make any marks. We use the Read, Write, Inc patter to help form letters. Letters and sounds will be taught in groups.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Please continue to support your child with learning all the sounds and practising the correct letter formation using the Read, Write, Inc patter, i.e. Around the apple, etc. ★ Encourage your child to think of and say a sentence before attempting any mark making. Can they read back what they attempted to write? ★ Keep sharing and reading school books at home with your child. 	<p>Maths</p> <p>During numeracy sessions we will be practising counting forwards and backwards from different numbers to ten and beyond. We will be identifying numerals and inviting the children to count the correct corresponding objects. We will be thinking about what is one more and one less than different numbers. Children will be identifying, playing with and talking about the properties of 2D shapes thinking about corners, sides, length of sides etc.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Practice counting forwards and backwards from different numbers to ten then twenty. ★ Practice number recognition to ten and beyond. ★ Encourage your child to count different numbers of objects to ten/twenty accurately. ★ Spot and talk about different 2D and 3D shapes and talk about their properties. 	<p>Understanding the World</p> <p>This half term we will be thinking about our own Celebrations such as Birthdays and Advent, and celebrations in different cultures such as Diwali and Hanukkah. We will look at how different cultures celebrate and plan ahead for our own celebrations at Christmas. We will also be looking at changes in the Seasons and how Autumn is turning into Winter.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Talk to your child about different celebrations for different cultures. Think about the Jewish celebration of Hanukkah and the Hindu festival of Diwali. How are these different from our religious celebrations? ★ How many celebrations can you think of that celebrate using light? Bonfire night, Advent etc. 	<p>Expressive Art and Design</p> <p>We will be learning lots of Christmas songs and practising for our Christmas Nativity. The children will continue to have lots of opportunities to construct, collage, paint and mark make. As Christmas approaches we will look forward to making lots of Christmas crafts.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Can you sing lots of Nursery rhymes with your child. Songs could include Humpty Dumpty, Baa, Baa, Black Sheep, I'm a Little Tea pot, Hickory Dickory Dock, Polly put the Kettle on, Three Blind Mice and lots more!
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