



Special People

Our Senses

Longhorsley St Helen's Early Years Foundation Stage
Autumn Term 2016



Personal, Social and Emotional Development

September is the time for introducing new children to our Foundation Unit, of making new friends, and children who are beginning a new adventure in the Reception class. To support children to adapt and enjoy these changes we will be learning about our school environment and the people who help us. We will be exploring the values of friendship, forgiveness and honesty. Along with celebrating important Christian festivals such as Harvest and Christmas we will be looking at Creation Stories from different cultures.

Physical Development

In the Autumn Term we will be learning Rugby Skill and Dance. We will develop our fine motor skills when using a variety of tools to create paintings, collage, and 3D modelling. When we make our pizzas we will chop up vegetables and fruits to create our favourite pizza toppings. By using our senses we will experiment with a variety of foods and explore the texture, smell, taste and look of different foods to understand why some foods are healthy for us and why some foods are not.

Communication and Language Development

After the long summer holiday we will have the opportunity to share our holiday adventures and look at each others Learning Journals to see photographs that describe the activities we participated in. We will be learning poems about ourselves, listening to sounds related to autumn and learning songs about Harvest and Christmas. We will talk about school routines and use our visual time table to plan and describe the activities we have chosen to do.

Mathematics

We will be learning games and puzzles primarily linked to numbers and counting, providing children with the opportunity to develop new mathematical language and concepts. They will use their mathematical skills in real-life recreational settings, while at the same time we will be providing an opportunity for children to play co-operatively together. In our classroom our maths table will help us to focus on a particular area of learning, initially our table is all about time; weeks, days and time of the day. After half term we will be focussing on shapes and patterns in the environment. We will explore making patterns and pictures using a variety of different shapes.

Literacy

Our Reception children will be sharing Big Books from our reading schemes, saying and writing sounds following the Read, Write Inc. programme. We will all continue to enjoy games using sounds in our learning. When baking we will be following recipes and instructions. We have some exciting new books to share this term; reading stories from around the world, and about people who help us. Julia Donald is one of our favourite authors, and we will be reading The Scarecrow's Wedding. We will be describing our responses to our senses; the words we use will be put on our WOW wall to help us in our writing activities.

Understanding of the World

The Autumn Term provides many opportunities for celebrations with our family and friends. This term we will learn about our Worship routine and the importance of gathering together as a school to learn about the teachings of Christianity, and during our Worship to celebrate individual and group achievements. We will look closely at the changes that occur during autumn; celebrate Harvest Festival, and prepare for our Christmas celebrations. We will be commemorating Remembrance Day on the Village Green, using the theme of friendship and reconciliation we will talk about this anniversary together.

We will be learning about people who are 'Special' to us in our school and community. Key people in our school will visit us to tell us about their role in school. We will also have visits from people who play an important role in our community, an Optician, a Dentist and a Doctor.

Expressive Arts and Design

We will be learning about the science of colour mixing, creating different hues and shades of primary and secondary colours. Autumn offers us the opportunity to look closely at many colours, and the changes that occur in nature. During our Topic we will look closely at different fruits and vegetables reflecting shapes, colours and textures in our paintings and drawings. In addition to nature and foods we will look closely at our faces; eyes, hair, skin colour and represent them in drawings. We will look at Vincent Van Gogh's painting of **Bedroom in Arles**; we will discuss the differences and similarities of his room with ours. Our role play area is set up as a Hospital; we will be reading Funny Bones and learning the song Them Bones.

Towards Christmas we will be preparing to learn new songs and a starlight inspired dance to entertain our audiences.