

Theme: *All about me*

HARVEST AND CHRISTMAS

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

September is the time for introducing all children to our new classroom. We will be promoting friendships old and new, and learning how we need to work and play together using our 'Federations Expectations'. We will be learning about our school environment and the people who help us. We will be exploring the values of friendship, forgiveness, honesty, trust and hope; our school values. Along with celebrating important Christian festivals such as Harvest and Christmas, we will be specifically looking at the Bible stories: Creation and Jonah.

Physical Development

During the Autumn Term we will be having specialist PE teachers to help us learn specific Rugby and Dance skills. We will be joining the rest of the school to swim each week. Both inside and outside we will develop our fine motor and gross motor skills; using a variety of tools to create, build, paint and collage; both large and small scale. By using our senses, we will learn why some foods are healthy for us and why some foods are not. We will be practising keeping ourselves healthy through good hygiene; remembering our handwashing skills. We will learn to understand and identify dangers around us and practice keeping ourselves safe.

Communication and Language Development

After the long summer holiday we will have the opportunity to talk about, share and compare our holiday adventures. We will be listening to stories and poems about ourselves as well as those who help us. We will enjoy talking about and creating ideas for new stories. We will talk about school expectations, with opportunities to discuss the activities we plan to undertake; the successes and challenges we find in our learning. We will enjoy starting the term with the author Adam Bushnell.

Mathematics

We will be learning through games and puzzles primarily linked to numbers and counting, providing children with the opportunity to develop their mathematical language and understanding, with lots of opportunities to count objects and actions as well as learning to count up and back. We will be learning about time, in particular the order of the days of the week and practical understanding of time throughout of the day. There will be a focus on shapes and patterns in the environment. We will have the opportunity to create patterns and pictures using a variety of different shapes; considering the differences between 'flat' and 'solid' shapes. We will have fun experimenting with mass.

Literacy

Our Reception children will be following the Read, Write Inc. programme to learn their phonics sounds; learning to hear, say, identify and write the phonemes and graphemes in a structured way. We will share stories, poems and non-fiction texts together, with opportunities to use the phonics they have been learning. We will start our journey of being brave with our sounds, linking them wherever possible into the activities we are undertaking. We will be having a go at writing words and captions, as well as practicing writing our names. We will experience the different styles of writing; labels, captions, titles, lists and instructions.

Understanding of the World

The Autumn Term provides many opportunities for celebrations with our family and friends. This term we will learn about our school worship routines and the importance of gathering together as a school to learn about the teachings of Christianity. We will share and celebrate our achievements with the whole school. Autumn is a time to look closely at the changes that occur during autumn; celebrate our Harvest Festival, and prepare for our Christmas celebrations. In November, we will be participating in an act of Remembrance with the whole school and friends from the community. We will be learning about people who are 'Special' to us; our families, school and community. We will have our first opportunities to engage with varying forms of ICT including the computer program RM Easimaths. Alongside this we will be learning about the importance of internet safety; identifying who our trusted adults are.

Expressive Arts and Design

We will be learning about the 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 Harvest, we will look closely at different fruits and vegetables using them in our painting and drawings. In addition to nature and foods, we will consider and look closely at our own faces; eyes, hair, skin colour and use our observations to create portraits. Our role play story telling will be able to enhance our learning as we design and create; linking with the people who help us. Towards Christmas we will be preparing to learn new songs and a dance to entertain our audiences. We will be learning songs linked with Harvest and Christmas. We will join with our friends to experiment with various tuned and untuned instruments.