

EYFS

Autumn Term 2018

The topic for the first half of the term will be “Getting to Know You”. We will be spending time finding out all about the children individually, giving them lots of opportunities to chat about their own experiences and family life. The children will be involved in a number of activities from painting their own portrait to drawing and talking about who lives at their house with them as well as other important people in their life.

The first few weeks will be an intense learning experience for all the new children as they get to grips with school rules and routines, from how to line up to what happens at lunch times. Some children take all of this in their stride but we make sure nobody is left behind by making small steps together.

There is lots that's new this year in Foundation Stage, not least the classroom arrangements where Mrs Daylak and Mrs Hall will be team teaching the children together, so no more Choughs and Robins! Instead the classroom will be operating just like the creatures in Julia Donaldson's “Sharing a Shell” where everybody is working together as Crabs, Bristleworms and Sea Anemones to make sure we all get along and learn together.

We will be sharing the book and making our own journey down to the sea shore to have a look at the environment where we live. The children will be rock pooling and picnicking and on their return, drawing maps of the day and talking about their experiences. A number of activities will lead off from the welly walk including printing our own rock pool pictures, going on a rhyme hunt around the school and working together to sculpt our own rock pool from papier-mache and junk modelling materials.

After half term we will be celebrating both Halloween and Bonfire Night. There will be lots of role-play opportunities as well as lots of lovely messy art work to produce and of course our own bonfire to be had. Once these special days have passed we will be taking our second Julia Donaldson book, “Stick Man” and using it as a starting point for looking at the changing seasons. We will be exploring the field and woodland, making collections of leaves, seeds, colours and sounds and using these as inspiration for our own poems and art works. We will be making characters from the story with Mrs Williams in our clay workshop and, of course, the children will be collecting sticks to make their very own version of a Stick Man. The stick man story ends, rather handily, with the Stick Man being rescued by Father Christmas which leads us nicely into the festive season where the children will be performing their own version of the Christmas story with lots of singing involved. All in all a busy term, not forgetting of course that the children will be having daily phonics, reading and maths sessions. Tired out just thinking about it.....