



## Class 1 – Reception Autumn Newsletter

Dear Parents / Carer,

We hope that you had a lovely summer and welcome you to Class 1. We are really pleased with how the children have settled and are looking forward to getting to know them more over the coming months.

Here is some information about the things that we will be learning about in school.

Communication and Language  Literacy	<p>The children will develop their reading, writing and language skills. This will include :-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Speaking in sentences about experiences, family and friends, things they like and dislike etc.</li><li>• Role-play activities</li><li>• Listening and understanding games and activities</li><li>• Learning the sounds made by the letters</li><li>• Writing letters</li><li>• Beginning to write simple words</li><li>• Beginning to read short words made by the sounds we are learning</li><li>• Enjoying looking at reading books</li><li>• Investigating rhyming words</li></ul> <p>We will be reading stories about home, school and things that are familiar to the children.</p>
Mathematics	<p>The children will develop their understanding of number, shapes and measurement.</p> <p>They will do lots of games working on:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Counting forwards and backwards</li><li>• Understanding number</li><li>• Matching a numeral to a quantity</li><li>• Investigating more and less</li><li>• Comparing how long and heavy things are</li><li>• Learning about shapes</li><li>• Talking about days and months</li></ul>
Personal, Social and Emotional Development	<p>The children will take part in activities to help them develop good relationships with other children. They will learn about sharing and turn taking and how to be a good friend. They will learn about why we have rules and how we can work together.</p>
RE	<p>The children will be thinking about 'beginnings' , including new beginnings that they have made. We will then be moving on to looking at the Creation story and the beginning of our world. Following this, we will be looking at world religions with a focus on Judaism.</p>

<p>Understanding the World</p>	<p>The children will be learning that changes have occurred over time. They will talk about events that have happened in the past in their own lives and the lives of family members.</p> <p>Our role-play area is set up as a school and the children will be learning about life at school in the past and the present.</p> <p>They will complete activities about family customs and will share their experiences of such things as birthdays, weddings and other celebrations. The children will investigate seasonal changes as we move into autumn and then winter.</p> <p>They will learn about animals that live around us and will describe and compare them.</p> <p>The children will have the opportunity to use different programmes on the computers and iPads.</p>
<p>Expressive Arts and Design</p>	<p>The children will complete lots of art and craft activities to do with our topics. They can play in our workshop area where they will learn to choose which colours, materials and tools will be best to use to make the things they think of. They will do colour mixing and apply paint in different ways. There will be many opportunities for singing and music and the children will learn a range of songs and how to use various percussion instruments. The children will take part in lots of role-play activities both inside and out and will work with each other to tell stories.</p>
<p>Physical Development</p>	<p>The children will develop their fine and gross motor skills through a range of activities. They will learn to use pens, pencils and scissors correctly and will experience a range of tools.</p> <p>They will be taught to play a range of games with various outdoor equipment. They will also take part in PE lessons where we will develop movement skills and using equipment, such as balls, to play team games. The children will be encouraged to think about how they can keep healthy, including learning about food and keeping clean.</p>
<p>Phonics</p>	<p>The children will be taught about the sounds made by the letters through the 'Letters and Sounds' programme. They will learn how to write the letters. Once the first sets of sounds have been taught, the children will learn how to use them to read and write simple words. They will also learn some common 'tricky' words which cannot be sounded out.</p>

Your support from home is much appreciated. Please can you ensure that all of your child's clothes are named and that they are able to dress and undress themselves. A named PE kit should be in school every day and will be sent home each holiday.

We also provide playdough which we make in school and other cooking and craft activities. In order to continue to provide these, we ask for a weekly voluntary donation of 50p to our class fund. There is a money box in the class room where the children can put this. We will also be doing various fundraising activities throughout the year.

Please do not hesitate to come and see us if you have any questions.  
 Thank you very much.  
 Kind Regards  
 Mrs Cornley and Mrs Hullock