



Reception

Autumn Term 2017

The Enormous Turnip

Communication and Language

In Reception this term learning a variety of songs and nursery rhymes with actions.

We are practising taking turns to talk confidently in small groups and we are encouraging the children to look at and listen to the person who is speaking. We are also learning how to find out something about our friends by asking them questions.

We will be learning the story of 'The Enormous Turnip' and retelling it altogether and on our own.

We are also learning to retell about things that have happened in the correct order.

Literacy:

We will be practising writing our names using *lower case* letters and a capital *at the beginning*.

We are learning to hear and say the first sound of a word. We are learning the sounds (not *just* the names) that go with the letters of the alphabet to help us match them up. Once confident with the sounds, we will be learning to *blend* them together to read simple words.

We encourage the children to recognise their names, familiar words and signs in their environment.

We will also be encouraging children to have a go at writing as part of role play. For example they might write shopping lists or signs.

Physical Development

During their mark making activities, we are encouraging the children to hold their drawing, painting and writing tools correctly. We are learning to form letters correctly in glitter, flour, paint and on paper. We are helping them to develop different ways of moving, jumping and landing safely. We are encouraging the children to use cutlery independently at lunch time and to tell an adult when they need to go to the toilet. You can help us at home by continuing to practise independent toileting and wiping. We will be making vegetable soup and talking about healthy foods.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We are learning to speak and behave in a kind and friendly way so that we can make and develop good relationships. We are encouraging children to learn class routines and develop independent learning. We are encouraging the children to ask an adult for help when they need it. In school we encourage the children to take responsibility for small jobs such as delivering the register with a friend and tidying up. You can help us by supporting your child to change their shoes and hang up their coats independently.

Mathematics

We are practising saying numbers to ten and beyond, counting objects accurately with one to one correspondence, understanding the last number is the amount of objects in the set. Children will also be recognising the written numerals 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10.

We are learning to understand and use a range of mathematical language in different contexts such as during snack time we might talk about whether we have '*enough*' or '*not enough*' for everyone. We also focus on positional language such as *in, under, on top of, behind, in front of, next to*. We will be developing shops in the role play areas to practise using money.

Understanding the World

We will use 'The Enormous Turnip' discuss to think about Harvest and where our food grows. We will be looking at changes in the world around us in Autumn.

During our time outdoors and our walks around school, we will observe how the children respond to the world around them. We will encourage them to take care of the natural environment and the things growing in it. At this age, exploration is a key part of learning and we observe the children and help them to develop curiosity about why things happen and how they work.

We will hear about different family customs and traditions.

Expressive Arts and Design

The children will have lots of opportunities to explore different media and to respond to a variety of sensory experiences. The children will be able to move to a variety of music. We have also started to explore the sounds we can make using different instruments including body percussion. We involve the children in developing our role play areas alongside our class story.

Remember

Everyday things:

Water bottles and book bags.

Curriculum Afternoons

Reception: Tuesday 10th October 2:45pm.

Share a Book

Come in and share a book with your child on Friday 20th October 3.10pm.