

Communication & Language

- Listening to stories with and without pictures
- Sharing my news and Learning Journey with others
- Following simple instructions
- Learning and practising rhymes and songs
- Practise simple greetings e.g. good morning & good afternoon
- Retelling past events in the correct order

Reception Autumn Term 1

Parent Information Sheet

Our Topics are
“All About Me” and “Autumn”

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

- Separating from parent/carer with support
- Settling into school and making friends
- Practising school routines
- Choosing activities independently
- Staying for lunch at school
- Going to the toilet independently and washing hands
- Hand washing and preparing food to taste
- 'Philosophy for Children' - asking 'big questions'

Physical Development

- Practising how to put on our own coat and changing for PE
- Climbing and working on the Timber Trail
- Completing inset jigsaws independently
- Holding pencils and paintbrushes correctly
- Working with play dough, 'Wake and Shake'
- Writing the letters in our names
- Developing gross motor skills in the outdoor area



Mathematics

- Learning how many children can work in each area of the class room
- Joining in with number rhymes
- Counting forwards and backwards
- Making repeating patterns
- 2D shapes (circle, triangle, rectangle & square)
- Days of the week
- Using every day words to describe position
- Joining in 'Talk for Reasoning' maths activities to investigate and talk about numbers, shape, space and measures

Understanding the World

- Looking closely at similarities and differences
- Seeing patterns and change in the world around us
- Working in our outdoor classroom
- Using construction to build models
- Learning and talking about the season of Autumn
- Using the "mouse" to create a picture
- Talking about different cultures and languages

Literacy

- Book skills and stories
- Individual reading and small group phonic activities
- Learning characters from our reading scheme
- Starting key words
- Phase 2 Letters and Sounds - matching letter sounds to their shapes
- Writing patterns and tracing
- Over/underwriting names and news
- Using Talk for Writing to learn stories, rhymes and poems



Helping at home

- Please support your child with their reading and encourage them to contribute to their Learning Journey each week.
- Children will be working outside every day. Can you please send your child to school with a named coat. Can they practise fastening it independently?
- Please encourage your child to dress and undress themselves - this will help with PE.
- Please help your child to use a knife and fork successfully.

Expressive Arts & Design

- Singing simple songs and rhymes
- Listening to different types of music
- Taking part in our Harvest Assembly
- Engaging in small world and role-play activities
- Exploring different textures - making collages
- Telling stories through play/drama

Thank you