

INTRODUCTION

Welcome to our Autumn Term Home-Link book. This booklet is intended to help you to find out what your child is learning this term so that you can be involved in their education and provide as much help and support as possible. We know from experience that children benefit from their parents' involvement and interest.

COMMUNICATION, LANGUAGE AND LITERACY

This term we will be encouraging children to become aware of the basic features of different types of books. We will be making our own books and also encouraging the children to write in role-play situations and through play activities. We will also be looking at words that rhyme and, through our daily phonics session, playing lots of games to help letter and sound recognition.

Handwriting

Throughout this term the children will be doing practical activities to develop their fine motor control, which helps them gain secure control when using a pencil. Your children will have the opportunity to make patterns and letter shapes using ribbons, magic wands, sticks and brushes. They will have fun mark making in sand, mud and using their bodies.

Reading

This term the children are able to choose a library book, which you can share with them at home. This helps the children to get into the habit of taking a book home every day. When reading the book you might like to spend some time talking about the pictures, asking questions such as, what can you see? You may also like to ask them to spot the letters that they have in their name in the text and to ask them simple questions about the story such as what do you think will happen next? and why do you think that happened? When they are in full time, the children will be given a simple reading book and reading diary to take home.

MATHEMATICAL DEVELOPMENT

Mathematics is taught primarily through practical activities involving games, sorting, ordering and counting in a variety of ways.

This term's work covers:

1. Counting
2. Recognising numbers.
3. Adding and subtracting.
4. Shape and space.
5. Money.
6. Time.
7. Capacity.
8. Length and measuring.

PE & GAMES

Reception children have 2 PE lessons a week. They will need to bring their PE kits on both days or kits can be left on your child's peg. For safety reasons it is important that children do not wear jewellery for PE or Games lessons.

Scarlet Class – Tuesday and Thursday

Sapphire Class – Tuesday and Thursday

OTHER CURRICULUM AREAS

In reception all other areas of learning come under the following headings; personal and social development, knowledge and understanding of the world, creative development and physical development. These are taught through topics.

This term's topics are:

1. Bears – old and new bears, bear hunt, famous bears, teddy bears picnic
2. We will finish the first half term with a focus on Harvest.
3. Houses and homes – building materials, homes in our village, homes around the world, the three little pigs
4. Christmas.

Dates

Mon 21st September - Reception home visits (all week pm)
Mon 21st September - Children stay for school lunch this week –
children go home at **1.15pm**
Wed 23rd Sept – Parents invited for Sapphire class lunch
Thurs 24th Sept – Parents invited for Scarlet class lunch
Mon 28th Sept – children in all day from 8.55am until 3.25pm
Friday 9th October – Harvest Assemblies
Monday 12th – Friday 16th October – Book Busters Week
Friday 23rd October – Individual photographs
Mon 26th – Fri 30th October – Half-term Week
Thurs 10th December – Reception/Key Stage 1 Christmas Production
Friday 11th December - Reception/Key Stage 1 Christmas Production
Thursday 17th December – Christmas Lunch
Friday 18th December – Term Ends
Monday 4th Jan – School closed for professional day
Tues 5th Jan – Children back at school

Don't forget that classrooms are open for parents to visit each
Thursday from 3.25pm to 3.45pm.

Thank you for your support and interest.

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