

# Autumn 2 Curriculum News for Reception

## Let's Celebrate!

### Communication and Language

Language skills and vocabulary acquisition is such an important part of what we do; a strong vocabulary and ability to express their thoughts are the backbone for strong writing skills as children mature. To support this, we continue with Poetry Basket weekly and have weekly circle times where a topic is given and every child has the opportunity to speak using a full sentence stem to support correct structure. Please do encourage full sentence speak with your children.

### Maths

This term in Maths we will begin working on our shape knowledge; looking at what qualities make each shape as well as deepening our knowledge of numbers to five. We will make sure that all children can count with 1:1 correspondence and use language 'more than' and 'less than' to begin thinking about addition and subtraction.

### Literacy

Our learning for literacy will see us putting our Phonics knowledge to good use, writing initial sounds and CVC words (consonant – vowel – consonant e.g. cat) in our writing books while we learn to stay within the lines and use proper letter formation.

### Understanding the World

Our topic this term is 'Let's Celebrate' and we will be looking at all the wonderful celebrations that we all enjoy; Diwali, Bonfire Night, Hanukkah and Christmas. Please share on Tapestry any photos of special events/celebrations within your families! We will also take a look at nocturnal animals as the nights get darker and learn lots of facts about owls, hedgehogs, bats and foxes.

### Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Our Jigsaw scheme for PSED this term looks is all about 'Celebrating Difference'– what we are individually good at, what makes us all unique and special, standing up for ourselves and others and knowing that we all belong.

### Physical Development

P.E will take up our entire Wednesday afternoons. Our P.E. specialists USports will be teaching gymnastics and class teachers will focus on listening games using parachutes, team games and running skills.

### Expressive Art and Design

This term we will begin some basic cooking and creating with food. There will be breadstick sparklers, flapjack, gingerbread and cake! As Christmas draws nearer there will be plenty of glitter and sparkle being used for various crafting resulting in a wonderful festive goody bag at the end of the term.



- Please name all uniform; we have so much lost property without names which is impossible to return!
- Water only in bottles
- Please read daily

### Donations Welcome:

- Happy Land people and houses for small world play
- Any crafting supplies (stickers, sequins etc)
- Breadsticks/Crackers
- Plain flour (for playdough)

