



CLASS LK- RECEPTION

We hope that you have all enjoyed a lovely summer break and that your child feels ready to start school and learn lots of new skills. We will be spending some time consolidating the nursery curriculum as well as teaching new skills and knowledge as appropriate.

Our topic for this half term will be: **NIGHT AND DAY**

In addition, the children will continue their learning independently through play activities which will reflect their interests and learning needs, and we may adapt topics to cater for children's interests.

Communication/ Language

We will be sharing our holiday news within key worker groups, as well as playing lots of speaking and listening games. We will encourage the children to develop their vocabulary and speak in full sentences.

Mathematics

In our Number work we will practise counting aloud in 1's to 10 and back to 0. We will also work on counting different groups and arrangements of objects and matching amounts to numbers. We will focus on numbers up to 10 initially. In our Shape, Space and Measures work, we will focus on recognising and describing basic shapes and sorting objects by colour or shape.

Understanding the World

We will learn about the season Autumn in our outdoor forest school area. We will also learn about nocturnal animals such as owls and hedgehogs, and we will explore light and dark with torches and shadows.

Reading books

We will send reading books home on a Monday, to be returned on a Friday. We will send home a library book for you to share and enjoy over the weekend, to be returned on a Monday. We will leave a basket under the canopy outside for books to be placed in each Monday/Friday. Until your child begins Phase 2 phonics, we will send home discussion books. We have attached instructions to the inside of your child's reading log which explains how to use these books.

Literacy

We will share lots of stories and non-fiction books. Our focus texts for this half term are the stories 'Peace at Last' and 'Owl Babies'. We will work on consolidating phase 1 phonics, which consists of singing rhymes, working on listening to initial sounds in words and oral blending and segmenting of words. Oral blending is putting sounds together, e.g. saying 'b-u-s' as separate sounds and then blending it to say the word. Segmenting is the opposite, by saying 'dog' and breaking the sounds down to say 'd-o-g' as separate sounds.

We will work on developing these skills before starting the Phase 2 phonics which consists of learning and using letters and sounds for reading and writing.

PSED

During Jigsaw lessons we will promote mindfulness and develop pupils' well-being. We will work on developing good relationships with friends, encouraging kindness and respect (two of our key Christian values).

Physical development

We will encourage good hygiene and independence with dressing/undressing for P.E. Please could you also practise these skills at home? We will work on developing spatial awareness skills during P.E. lessons. Please send in P.E. kit on a Monday which we will send home on a Friday.

R.E.

We will learn and use the school prayers. We will also learn about the Christian Harvest festival.

Expressive Arts

We will be learning new rhymes, and use our bodies and instruments to create sounds. We will also work on colour and texture to create Autumn pictures and collages.

Thank you!

Any voluntary contributions of 50p per week would be greatly appreciated. This money is used to buy resources such as play dough or baking ingredients. Thank you in advance!

Important messages

- Please make sure you write your child's name in all clothing items including shoes.
- If you need any help with Tapestry or have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to ask.