



Reception Term 1

Big Bang: Pumpkin Soup and bread making

Trip: Pumpkin Picking

Our Learning Overview

All about me/ Autumn

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

This term we will be focussing on settling the children in to their new environment and supporting them to build friendships and their confidence. We will be creating, discussing and learning our own class rules. We will also have a focus on turn taking during small group activities, circle times and games. There will be opportunities to talk about our similarities, differences and what makes us special and unique.

Physical Development

We will encourage the children to explore our outdoor area, where they have access to learning opportunities that are not always available in the classroom environment. We will introduce the children to a range of different equipment and tools such as the climbing equipment. We will discuss how to use apparatus safely and will make a link to the work we will be doing with the children on turn taking.

Communication & Language

There will be an emphasis this term on developing speech and language. Throughout the day we will be encouraging the children to engage in discussion and use a range of vocabulary and self-expression. Children will have opportunities to ask and answer questions relating to a number of topics, expressing themselves effectively.

Literacy

Children will begin to develop their reading and writing skills through our phonics program, Read Write Inc. Children will be encouraged to read individual letters by saying the sounds for them and to identify sounds in the environment. The children will be listening to some familiar stories and will answer questions about what happened in the story. We will work with the children to develop a secure tripod grip and will be asking them to both recognise and write their own name.

Mathematics

In maths, the children will be finding and matching objects which are the same. They will be sorting objects in different ways, including size, shape and colour. They will be using the language of size and words such as big, little, large, small, tall, long and short. The children will also be ordering and comparing objects. We will then be copying and continuing repeating patterns. The children will be encouraged to make their own simple pattern using objects, shapes and actions.

Understanding of the World

This term one of our key questions and topics is 'What makes me me?'. We will provide the children with opportunities to talk about themselves, their families and their experiences. We will explore different types of houses and reflect on what makes each of our homes special. The children will explore the local environment

Key Text

My Monster and Me by Nadia Hussain

The Owl who was Afraid of the Dark by Jill Tomlinson

You Choose by Nick Sharratt and Pippa Goodhart

Pumpkin Soup by Helen Cooper

Key dates:

Wednesday 17th September - Meet the teacher 2.30pm

Pumpkin picking trip – Date to be confirmed

and build a sense of community as a class and within the school. We will also explore weather and seasonal change as we search for signs of Autumn.

Expressive Arts and Design

This term, children will develop their representational skills through free painting and drawing as well as through observational work. Through our topic, children will create self and family portraits. Children will have the opportunity to engage in imaginative role play based on their own first-hand experiences. They will create movement in response to music, sing familiar songs and join in with well-known nursery rhymes and actions.

Key information:

PE days will now be on a Wednesday. Please remember children should come into school in their PE kits that day. Please also remember children wearing earrings cannot participate.

Thank you to those who have provided their children with outside puddle suits now. We would love all children to have one to support their outdoor learning.