Curriculum Newsletter

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Welcome to the Autumn Term!

To ensure we offer the children a broad and balanced curriculum, learning will be linked through the topics of *All About Me* including *Festivals and Celebrations*.

Curriculum focus areas:

Communication and Language: Speaking and listening skills. Key Texts for this term will include: We're going on a bear hunt and the Gruffalo.

Physical development: Control and coordination. Developing the following skills: running, jumping, hopping, walking and skipping. PE day is **Friday** – children need to come to school wearing trainers and the school-approved PE kit.

Personal, social and emotional development: Being me in my world and wellbeing (feelings around starting school). Developing the following skills: sharing, turn taking, interacting, developing positive relationships, following the class rules and routines.

Reading: Phonics Phase 1 and Phase 2: Listening and hearing different sounds, practising oral blending and segmenting. Listening to stories, singing songs and nursery rhymes, learning library skills. Learning the alphabet through songs and rhymes. Moving on to learning Phase 2 sounds.

Writing: Developing fine motor skills, hand-eye coordination, mark-making tool control and correct pencil grip.

Mathematics: Number skills to 10 - recognition, counting, comparing, ordering. Learning about the composition of each number (knowing that numbers can be made up of 2 or more numbers).

Understanding the World: Topics: All About Me, Festivals and Celebrations.

Expressive arts and design: Singing and creating self-portraits using colour mixing and drawing their bodies. Learn how to use the creative area, where they can explore and create. Developing the following skills: using scissors, glue, cello tape etc; play imaginatively and collaborative role-play.

Important Dates

26th-30th October Half term

11th and 12th November- Parent consultations

4th December- Occasional day

9th December- Christmas Dinner and Jumper day and Pantomime

18th December- Last day of term

Class Information:

Teaching Staff: Miss Green, Miss Fisher-Payne, Ms Charnley, Mrs Appadoo.

School uniform: Please make sure all items are **NAMED** (including shoes, plimsolls and PE Kit).

Home Learning: Issued on a **Monday** and due for return the **following Monday**.

Tapestry: Is used to share children's learning and interests during their child-initiated learning (an activation email will be sent to you). Please share your own observations of your child's achievements so that we can share in their successes out of school. Observations from school are released each half-term. Paper learning journals and Maths/ English books, which will be shared with you on Parents evening.

We are looking forward to getting to know all the children and look forward to seeing you during parent consultations.

Yours sincerely,

EYFS Teaching Team