

Reception Autumn Half-Termly Newsletter

This sheet explains what your child will be learning about during this term and how you may be able to help. Topics taught in the Foundation Years are planned to meet the seven areas of learning from the Foundation Curriculum.

Topic Themes: Settling in, People who Help Us, Emergency Services, Black History Week, Harvest, Fairy Tales

Reigning Monarch Celebrations: 9th September

Grandparents Day: 30th September

Parent's Evening: 6th & 7th October

Black History Week: 5th October

Activities Specific to our topic will include:

- Settling in: class rules, name games, learning how to play respectfully and safely, learning out to move around the school.
- People Who Help Us: meeting Nurse Julie, School crossing patrol, Grandparent day
- Emergency Services: People who help us in the community, use Ipad to take photographs of ourselves and each other.
- Black History Week: comparing Africa with our country, African Animals, work linked to cultural stories, African printing and dance, tropical fruit tasting.
- Harvest: meaning of harvest, helping people in the community, sequencing harvest related stories, fruit portraits focusing on artist Giuseppe Arcimboldo.
- Fairy Tales: circle time, speaking and listening about fairy tales, sequencing and re-enacting stories, creating a witch's house using shapes, nature trail of school outdoor environment.

You can help by:

- Reinforcing the topics above.
- Reading regularly with your child at home.
- Talking about special events such as the Queen's reign and Black History Week.
- Share with us any amazing work your child has done at home.
- Ensuring your child brings their book bag to school every day.
- Checking that all items worn and taken to school are clearly named including PE kits and shoes.
- Encouraging your child to write at home, reinforcing the correct pencil grip and correct letter formation. (Please see a member of staff if you need support with this.)
- Providing your child with fine motor activities such as cutting, sticking, colouring, play dough and threading.

We are planning lots of opportunities for outdoor learning and would appreciate it if you could provide your child with a pair of named wellies to stay in school.

Thank you for supporting your child's learning.

