

The Teachers in Year are: Miss Harrison, Mrs Pericleous, Mrs Williamson and Mrs Hubbard
The Teaching Assistants are: Mrs Walker, Mrs Skelton and Mrs Laz

Our Topic this Half Term is 'Me and My Community' and 'Exploring Autumn'

This half term, we'll be learning about the school community and building friendships. We will be exploring the school grounds and find out about all the people in school who are there to help us. We will explore how we are special and unique and how everyone's family is different. We will take part in practical activities to support us in building new friendships and explore what makes a good friend. We will also find out about people in the community who help us, including doctors, nurses, and the emergency services. In the Exploring Autumn project, we will go on a woodland walk to learn about the seasonal changes that happen in autumn. We will learn about birds and animals that live in the woods and how they survive as the weather gets colder. We will take part in practical and creative activities that will support us to learn about autumn.

English This half term we will be learning different nursery rhymes and learning about rhyming and rhythm. We will be acting out nursery rhymes and drawing pictures about them. We will also be enjoying stories about friendship, talking about what happens in each part and learning new words from the stories. In Reception, we will be starting phonics. We will be learning about sounds around us and sounds in words. We will start to learn the sounds the letters of the alphabet make. We will use these sounds to help us write the sounds we can hear in words. We will be starting Write Dance and Dough Disco to help strengthen our arms, hands and fingers ready for writing.

How you could help your child prepare for the topic...

Look at family photographs together and discuss who is part of your family and extended family.
Look at baby photographs and talk about how they have grown.
Look at any childhood photographs of parents and grandparents.
Talk about the things you like to do together and places you like to go.
Go on a walk around your local area and talk about what happens to trees and plants during autumn.
Take some pictures to share at school.
Collect leaves, seeds, nuts and berries to add to an autumn collection.
Make some bird food to feed the birds as the weather gets colder.

Maths

Our learning for this half term will be learning to:

- Count sets of objects and match to the correct number
- Count to 10 and then 20 in order
- Recognise a number of objects up to five without counting them.
- Make and complete repeating patterns
- Name 2D and 3D shapes in the environment.

General Reminders:

Home Learning:

PE: Our PE days are Mondays and Fridays. Children must come to school in their PE kit, this can be leggings or jogging bottoms as the weather gets cooler. All earrings must be removed. Any child with earrings will NOT be allowed to take part

Yoga Bugs: Children will be taking part in Yoga Bugs every Wednesday. They can wear their normal school uniform for this, but earrings MUST be removed for this activity.

Reading: Reading: Your child will soon be receiving their first reading book. Reading books will be given out on a Friday and must be returned the following Thursday. Please keep reading books in their book bag at all times as we often hear your child read in the week. Please support your child with their reading: it really makes a difference! Aim to hear them read a minimum of three times a week – little and often works best 😊

Water Bottles: We encourage the children to drink water throughout the day. Please send a named water bottle in each day. The bottle must contain water only. We do not allow squash, juice or flavoured water.

Useful Websites:

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<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/learningto-count/teddy-numbers>
<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/learningto-count/gingerbread-man-game>
<https://www.teachyourmonstertoread.com>

Autumn Dates for your Diary:

Monday 2nd October -

Harvest Festival

Tuesday 17th And Wednesday 18th October
Parents' Evening

Monday 23rd October – Stay and Play session (am) More info to follow soon.

Friday 27th October -

School breaks up for half term

Monday 6th November -

Back to school

Any other Information

Children will be set homework on a Friday – This is to be completed by the following Thursday. More information will follow soon. 😊
WE are looking forward to working with you and your children this year, any questions, please feel free to ask.