

Welcome to Reception

Your teachers this year will be Miss Murray, Miss Bracher, Miss Stokes and Miss Ashmore

In Reception this half term we will be focusing on the following books:

- Binny's Diwali
- The Scarecrows Wedding by Julia Donaldson
- Stick Man by Julia Donaldson
- Babushka: A Christmas Tale by Dawn Casey

In PSED, we will be focusing on supporting the children expressing their feelings and considering the feelings of others. We will be modelling positive behaviour and celebrating exemplary behaviour of children in class who are kind and considerate to others.

In Communication and Language, we will be focusing on supporting the children to articulate their ideas and thoughts in well formed sentences. We will encourage the children to answer questions or talk about their thoughts feelings and opinions in full sentences and encourage them to apply newly learnt vocabulary. We will provide the children with stem sentences to set expectations of how they respond in a full sentence. For example if we asked the children, what are celebrating this week? We would ask for the following response " This week we are celebrating....."

In Physical Development, we will be focusing on developing overall body strength, balance, agility and coordination. We will focus on finding space, working as a team, hopping on either leg, dodging and galloping. We will provide opportunities for children to spin, rock, tilt, fall, slide and bounce. We will continue to develop their small motor skills so that they can use a range of tools competently and safely.

In Literacy, we will be focusing on reading and writing the last 9 single letters sounds as well as reviewing the 16 previously taught sounds. Weekly homework videos will be sent out to explain the correct pronunciation and formation of these letters. We will now be progressing onto blending sounds together to read simple 3 letter words using flash cards and magnetic boards. We will also be focusing on writing our names, ensuring the letters are in order from left to write and formed correctly. This half term we are introducing the children to a literacy approach called 'Talk for Writing' which enables children of all ages and abilities to learn to write a wide range of story/ text types using various methods. Such as listening to and orally retelling texts and story's, drawing and story mapping and collecting words and language strategies.

In Maths, we will be focusing on representing and comparing groups in a variety of different ways within 5. We will use the vocabulary of; more than, less than, greater than and equal to compare groups. We will continue to develop our recall of numbers by reciting songs such as 5 speckled frogs and 5 green bottles. Through hands on exploration and play children will build, describe and sort common 3D and 2D shapes. We will encourage children to make links to real life objects.

In Understanding the World, we will be focusing on the many celebrations that fall this half term. We will celebrate Diwali, Remembrance Day and Christmas. We will encourage the children to understand talk about their own experiences of celebrating these and support the children to understand that people have different beliefs and celebrate special times in different ways. We will get the opportunity to visit a church this half term to experience what a Wedding celebration may

look like for Christians. Finally, we will support the children to understand the effect of changing seasons on the natural world around us as we move into Autumn and Winter.

In Expressive Arts and Design, we will be focusing on listening attentively, move to and talk about music, expressing their feelings and responses as we prepare for the Christmas Nativity. We will watch and talk about dance as we watch different wedding dance routines and get the opportunity to learn a wedding waltz.

In Forest School this term, children will be celebrating Diwali, Remembrance Day and Christmas in Forest Schools. We will be recapping a range a skills such as fire lighting and campfire cooking as well as learning new skills such as basic knot tying. We will also be linking our learning to our reading books such as The Stick Man, by Julia Donaldson.

This term in music will we prepare for our Christmas Production - Baarmy Nativity. Cheeky, Rascal and Scamp the sheep are real party animals! So, when they see Bethlehem filling up, they assume it's for a big celebration and they do not want to miss out! They escape from the flock and make their way into town, but although they find lots of things they love like noise and crowds of people, there is no party. As they continue their search, they come across all the traditional nativity characters and eventually, in the peaceful, quiet stable they find one enormous reason to celebrate and party! We can't wait to share with you our fantastic journey to Bethlehem.