

Year R Autumn Term 2 Curriculum Newsletter

5th November 2021

Dear Parents / Guardians,

Thank you very much for supporting us in settling your children. It has been lovely to see them starting their school journey with such confidence and independence. They have come back to school with big smiles on their faces this week. During this half term we will continue to reinforce the school routines and build on the children's confidence within the setting and making new friends.

Our first topic this half term is 'Pets'. During this topic we will be looking at different types of animals and thinking about how we care for them. We will be discussing pets we have or would like to have and reading lots of stories all about pets. We will be introducing a toy pet to our role play and creating lots of stories about them in Tales Toolkit time.



Our last topic of the Autumn Term is 'Christmas', where we will learn about the Christmas Story. We are very excited about all the festive activities we will do in school.



In our daily phonic sessions we are learning letter sounds and the formation of each letter shape. Keep using those letter cards to practise the sounds at home. Alongside sound recognition, we will also teach them how to put letters together to read simple words (blending). We will upload a list of words onto Google Classroom to practise at segmenting and blending home. As well as all of this practise we will be learning new sight words too, these are those words that can't be sounded out and new to be learnt by sight. We will be using all of our sound knowledge to build and write CVC words too, we will segment each sound and use a phoneme frame to help us.

In maths we will continue to practice our 1:1 correspondence for accurate counting. We will be teaching the children the skill of comparing numbers by beginning with the concepts of more, less and equal. We will compare amounts, use our counting skills to identify one more and less than a number and use equipment to solve simple problems. We will be using our number rhyme to practise writing our numbers as well. We will continue to learn to recognise numbers by sight.



The children are particularly enjoying our M.O.O.T (Managing Our Own Time) sessions, which encourage them to use their new learning environment with greater confidence and develop their independence skills, problem solving, cooperation and creativity. M.O.O.T takes place five times a week and allows the children to plan and undertake their own learning from a wide range of activities available.

We would also really appreciate it if your child has a coat in school at **ALL** times as we use our outdoor classroom in all weathers and therefore we really need the children to have the correct clothing. Thank you for all the support you are offering your children at home with their learning. As always, please remember if you have any concerns or queries, please do speak to your child's class teacher.

Yours sincerely,

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