



# EARLY YEARS FOUNDATION STAGE

## Nursery and Reception

### CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER – AUTUMN 2021

We are delighted to welcome back all of our Nursery and Reception children and would like to extend a warm welcome to all the new children and families joining us this year. We hope you have had a fabulous summer break and are ready for the fun-filled year ahead. Mrs Oakes and I hope that you will join us in welcoming Mrs Carter into the Early Years team as our Nursery lead. She has a wealth of experience and is a fabulous addition to the EYFS team. The three of us are incredibly excited about this coming term and all the wonderful learning experiences we have planned to share with you.

#### Curriculum

We will begin the year with our Nursery Rhymes topic. We will learn to recall, sing and dance to our favourite rhymes and have fabulous activities linked to each one. Later this half term, amongst the nursery rhyme fun, we will be celebrating our annual Harvest Festival, which all children in Nursery and Reception will be invited to take part in.

In addition to our termly topics throughout the year we will continue to explore Festivals and Celebrations from around the world. This Autumn Term we will learn about Seasonal Changes, Sukkot, Bonfire Night and then rounding off with our favourite time of the year, our Christmas celebrations!

#### Phonics

During this Autumn Term we will begin our phonics teaching using the Letters and Sounds phonics programme. Nursery children will begin with Phase 1, where they will begin to develop skills of listening and awareness of sounds around them. Reception children will begin Phase 2. They will learn to read and write initial sounds and begin to develop oral segmenting and blending skills to read simple CVC (consonant, vowel, consonant) words.

#### Maths

In addition to the activities and resources available through our continuous provision, Reception children will have a daily focused maths session. These sessions will follow the White Rose Maths programme of learning. The focus for this Autumn Term will be recognising, counting and working with numbers 0-5. Children will learn basic skills of counting, addition and subtraction in order to apply later in the year to larger numbers.

#### Reading

Towards the end of this first half term all Reception children will be given a school reading book linked to their current phonics learning. This reading book will be shared regularly with your child in school and will be sent home each evening to be shared at home also. It is so important for your child to have the opportunity to practise and develop their reading skills as often as possible and we greatly appreciate your support in reading daily with your child at home. To celebrate this home reading all children will receive a reading bookmark which will be stamped for every day that they share a book at home. Once your child completes their bookmark they will receive a special reading award. Throughout the year they will have the opportunity to collect a bronze, silver, gold and platinum award!

All children in the Early Years will have the opportunity to visit our school library weekly and select a book to enjoy with parents and families. Please return this book in book bags after one week, ready for a new one.

#### PE

We are very excited to welcome back Mr Peacock and Mr Goodwin, our wonderful sports coaches for our PE sessions this term. Reception will have PE every **Tuesday** and **Thursday** afternoon. Please remember to come to school dressed in PE kits on these days. PE sessions will be outside weather permitting so please ensure your child is dressed warmly for the outdoors and is wearing comfortable trainers. A full list of PE uniform can be found on the school website, please don't hesitate to ask if you have any queries.

Nursery children do not have a structured PE session as so much of our day-to-day provision includes activities to support physical development. However, Mr Peacock and Mr Goodwin will come and visit Nursery for a short games session throughout the week. No PE kit is required for children attending our Nursery.

### [Home Learning](#)

Weekly homework is not given for children in the Early Years, however, a home learning pack will be sent home with all Reception children within the next few weeks. Inside these packs will be a range of activities which will help support the main focuses for our learning in school. You can complete these activities as many times as you would like and there is no expectation to return these to school. The packs will continue to be updated with new activities regularly through the year.

### [Enrichment](#)

This term we will be exploring the season of Autumn and for our Enrichment activities we will discover signs of Autumn around our village, including trips to the Church and Woods. Look out for pictures and updates on Tapestry and Twitter!

### [Tapestry](#)

Tapestry is our Early Years online learning platform used to share photographs and information between home and school. All new families will be invited to join Tapestry to have access to your child's ongoing learning journey throughout their time in Early Years. For all children that were with us last year, your child's Tapestry profile will just continue. We love to see your updates and adventures at home also so please post photographs and share your news by uploading Tapestry posts to us.

If you have any questions about Tapestry, please don't hesitate to see Mrs Rumble who will be happy to help!

Hopefully this newsletter has given you a brief snapshot into the exciting term ahead. If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to pop in and see Mrs Rumble or Mrs Carter and don't forget to check out Tapestry and the school website for regular updates and news.

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