

This half-term we are



- listening to a variety of stories about settling in to school, such as 'Harry and the Dinosaurs go to School', and stories about Autumn, such as 'Squirrel's Busy Day'
- reading 'Think Big' (Rising Stars, Reading into Writing) and taking part in reading and writing activities
- settling in and learning our new routines
- learning about hand washing
- learning about letters and sounds during daily phonics sessions-initial sounds in words, segmenting and blending sounds
- practising forming letters and writing names
- learning to recognise and order numbers 1-5, to 10 and beyond
- sorting objects into groups according to criteria
- counting groups of objects and matching to the correct number
- learning about ourselves and our families, the season of Autumn, and celebrations such as Harvest
- learning to co-operate and play nicely with others
- developing gross and fine motor skills during PE, outdoor play, dough gym. Squiggle and funky fingers sessions
- learning to dress and undress for P.E sessions
- learning about 2D shapes and their properties
- sharing our news with our peers
- learning about looking after resources /toys in the classroom and tidying up
- taking part in circle time in our key person groups
- taking part in Jigsaw and learning about our feelings
- learning about special books and stories in R.E.
- learning about constructing structures using various tools and materials in design technology
- learning new songs about Harvest and Autumn and creating artwork

Topics will be more child-led and planning will reflect the interests of the children. To inspire the children, we will plan for themes. These may change due to interests.

Please could you:

- help your child to complete homework and home learning activities
- read daily at home and write a comment/smiley face in the home/school diary
- identify numbers with your child in the environment around them - when going for a walk, for instance and count everyday objects or toys
- practise dressing/undressing - putting coat and shoes on independently

Please put your child's name in their school uniform and PE kit so we are able to identify jumpers, cardigans and coats. If your child brings a drink into school, please send in only water (no juice or flavoured water).

Please send in baby photos of your child so they can talk about themselves and their families. We will be sending WOW slips home so you can tell us about your child's learning at home, such as helping at home, learning new skills or visiting special places or people. Please return these WOW slips so we can celebrate your child's achievements on our Wonder Wall in the classroom.

Thank you for your support. The Reception Team 😊 **Autumn – settling in, ourselves**

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