



CLASS RK- RECEPTION

We hope that you have all enjoyed a lovely summer break and that your child feels ready to start school and learn lots of new skills. We will be spending some time consolidating the nursery curriculum as well as teaching new skills and knowledge as appropriate.

Our topic for this half term will be: **NIGHT AND DAY**

In addition, the children will continue their learning independently through play activities which will reflect their interests and learning needs, and we may adapt topics to cater for children's interests.

Communication/ Language

We will be sharing our holiday news within key worker groups, as well as playing lots of speaking and listening games. We will encourage the children to develop their vocabulary and speak in full sentences.

Mathematics

In Maths this half term we are focusing on matching, sorting and comparing objects. We will also be looking at measure and patterns before consolidating our knowledge of number in our 'It's me 1,2,3!' unit.

We will also be introducing our new Maths area and modelling how the resources can be used.

Understanding the World

We will learn about the season Autumn in our outdoor forest school area. We will also learn about nocturnal animals such as owls and hedgehogs, and we will explore light and dark with torches and shadows.

Reading books

In the next few weeks we will send reading books home on a Monday, to be returned on a Friday. At first these will be simple sound books and then they will progress onto blending books. Later in the school year they will begin to bring home 'proper' reading books. We will send home a library book for you to share and enjoy over the weekend, to be returned on a Monday.

We will leave a basket under the canopy outside for books to be placed in each Monday/Friday.

PSED

Our Jigsaw topic for this half term is 'Being me in my world'. During Jigsaw lessons we will promote mindfulness and develop pupils' well-being. We will work on developing good relationships with friends, encouraging kindness and respect (two of our key Christian values).

Physical development

We will encourage good hygiene and independence with dressing/undressing for P.E. Please could you also practise these skills at home? We will work on developing spatial awareness skills during P.E. lessons.

Important messages

- Please make sure you write your child's name in all clothing items including shoes.
- If you need any help with Tapestry or have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to ask.

Literacy

We will share lots of stories and non-fiction books. Our focus texts for this half term are the stories 'Owl Babies' by Martin Waddell and 'Night Monkey, Day Monkey' by Julia Donaldson. We will be continuing our journey on the 'Read, Write Inc' Phonics programme, firstly

consolidating our learning and then learning our new letter sounds. When we learn a sound we will be learning what it looks like, how we say it and also having a go at writing each one. We will also be learning how to blend sounds together to hear words with the help of Fred the frog. We call this 'Fred talk'.

R.E.

We will learn and use the school prayers. We will also learn about the Christian Harvest festival.

Expressive Arts

We will be learning new rhymes, and use our bodies and instruments to create sounds. We will also work on colour, creating some self- portraits, and and texture to create Autumn pictures and collages.

Thank you!

Any voluntary contributions of 50p per week would be greatly appreciated. This money is used to buy resources such as play dough or baking ingredients. Thank you in advance!