

Year R Learning Forecast –Autumn 1



<p>Literacy In our literacy sessions we will be sharing lots of the children's favourite stories. The Bear Hunt and The Gruffalo are two books that we will be delving deeper into. We have lots of activities planned to support mark-making and retelling the stories. We will be sharing non-fiction books about animals that live in the woods and introducing the different features of an information text. We will be acting out stories, retelling using repetitive story language and making up our own stories</p>	<p>Numeracy This half term we will be focusing on counting and number recognition. We will be ensuring that the children have a really good understanding of the value of numbers 1-5. They will explore different ways of making numbers, recognise and write numbers. We will be using Numicon and Numberblocks to bring the numbers to life! The environment has been set up so the children clearly know where things go and how many items belong there, giving them a chance to practice their counting, problem solving and positional language as part of daily routines. We will then move onto comparing size, mass and capacity as well as exploring patterns. Children will be encouraged to develop their reasoning skills by explaining their methods and why items do or do not belong in a set.</p>
<p>Phonics This half term will focus on listening skills and children's ability to distinguish sounds. We will be playing lots of games to develop an awareness of rhyme, and blending and segmenting sounds in words ready for reading and writing. We will be following the Letters and Sounds phonics scheme to learn the sounds in the alphabet from week 4. Watch out in book bags for weekly sounds coming home for you to practise together.</p>	<p>Music Children will be having weekly music sessions with Mrs Kerr. They will be learning lots of different songs and will be introduced to different instruments whilst working on their listening and attention skills.</p>
<p>Physical Development This half term is very important for the children to work on their independence and self-help skills. Children will be putting on their own socks, shoes and wellies, and independently putting on their coats and doing up their coats. We will be talking to the children about the importance of personal hygiene and learn how we wash our hands thoroughly for 20secs as we sing songs. We will be encouraging the children to make healthy choices at lunchtime and use their cutlery to cut up their own food.</p> <p>PE Our focus for our PE lessons this half term will be on showing an awareness of their own space and moving around safely. Our PE coach Jack will be bringing lots of fun to our PE sessions this half term! We will be playing games, exploring different ways of travelling and following instructions.</p>	<p>PSHE: Classes will be learning the school rules and we will be looking at the schools' core values: Kindness and Resilience. Our school motto is: 'Kind words, kind hands, kind hearts.' Children will be introduced to the class Behaviour boards and the Learning light house.</p> <p>SEAL New Beginnings These sessions are designed to help settle children into school. We will be playing lots of games to help get to know each other and develop relationships. We will be talking about different emotions and acting out scenarios and discussing how it makes us feel and why.</p>
<p>Understanding the World During this half term we will be exploring our woods carrying out listening walks and observing changes as we move into Autumn. We will be talking about our Birthdays and adding them to our Birthday displays, marking them off on our calendar.</p>	<p>Exploring Media and materials We will be looking carefully at our reflection in order to draw a self-portrait experimenting with different marks and shading. We will be investigating colour mixing to make the correct colours needed to paint our Gruffalo pictures. Once they are dry we will explore different materials and talk about their textures to select ones to collage onto their pictures. We will be taking on family roles in our role play areas and will be learning about how to use scissors safely.</p>
<p>You can help your child at home by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practice writing your name following the correct formation sent home • Encouraging your child to get dressed independently, and be responsible for their own items. Especially socks as we have noticed some children are struggling with this already. • Reading daily bedtime stories, talking about the plot and making predictions what might happen next. 	

YR Notices

Reading

Please can we remind you that reading books and reading logs must be returned on Fridays into the box by the classroom door. This will allow us time to wipe clean and quarantine the books for 72hrs ready for the next child to take home on a Tuesday. Please, please, please can you stick to this so there are enough books for every child to take them home weekly. Don't forget to fill the reading log when your child reads onto the monthly log, at the end of each month all of the children that read 20+ books get entered into a prize draw to win a prize!!

Thank you for your support

PE Day-Monday

Don't forget Year R's PE day is on Monday (starting on the 21st September) and they need to wear their PE kits to school. PE will be taking place outside so please send them in dressed for the weather.

Shortly we will be sending out children's names written in our handwriting style for them to practise with you at home. We will be working on this in school and our first priority is to work on forming some letters correctly as this is crucial. If you practise at home please ensure that your children starts in the place indicated with a dot on the letters of their name which they are bringing home. If you are unsure please ask as it is really important that from now on they use the handwriting style we use in school. Picking up incorrect formation takes time and we are trying to tell the children, "This is how we do it in big school," rather than saying, "You're doing it all wrong!" Children will be earning rewards for holding mark making equipment correctly and writing their name.



Don't forget to bring drinks bottles in every day. Please ensure that children only have water in their bottles. **Do not put flavoured water or squash in them.** As part of our healthy school initiative we promote the drinking of water to keep the children hydrated in school. However squash is also more likely to make a sticky mess when spilt whilst water does not. Children can have squash or juice in their lunchbox. Please name and decorate bottles for easy identification! Please don't put bottles in book bags as over the last few years we have lost lots of books due to water damage.



If you haven't already done so, could you please provide a pair of wellies which your child can keep in school in our welly boxes. Make sure they are **clearly labelled!** We like to go outside whatever the weather!

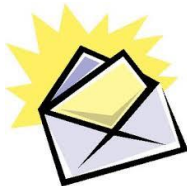


The Autumn weather can be unpredictable so please can you make sure your child brings a coat to school every day, preferably one that is waterproof.

This year we are unable to lend children spare coats and we will be outside in all weathers. Please make sure they are named!



Please check your child's bookbag as we often put bump notes in their bags and not in their hands. We do not check each child's bookbag every day. So if there are any forms and letters for school can be given to Year R staff in the morning.



Please do not bring in toys from home as they are likely to get lost or damaged and this tends to cause upset and arguments. Also if any of our school toys make their way home in pockets and bookbags please send them back. Our jewel box always gets very depleted!



CONGRATULATIONS!

Well done parents, you've been superstars at saying goodbye to your children in the morning/afternoons which has enabled the children to settle in extremely well so far. They are already getting used to their new routines, making new friends and discovering new things. Thank You for your support!

