

Early Years Foundation Stage

Autumn Term 2023

Welcome to the Autumn Term! This term we will be exploring many different themes that reflect the changing seasons and key celebrations. Our learning will focus on knowledge and understanding of the world around us, supported by our systematic delivery of phonics and maths. Growth Mindset will underpin all of our teaching and learning experiences, ensuring that children understand and learn to use a range of effective learning skills.

As mathematicians we will:

- Develop our skills, knowledge and understanding of number and place value from 0 to 5.
- Learn to add and subtract within these numbers; both mentally and using concrete resources and pictorial representations.
- Learn to identify and continue simple repeating patterns including shapes, colours, objects and numbers.

Vocabulary: number, more, less, equal, pattern

As readers and writers we will:

- Experience a rich variety of texts linked to our learning themes.
- Learn new phoneme / grapheme correspondences and apply this to reading and writing in guided learning.
- Begin to apply our phonics skills to reading books at school and at home.
- Learn about correct pencil grip and letter formation and begin to use these skills in independent play.

Vocabulary: phoneme, blend, sound-out, ascender, descender

Learning Theme: All About Me

- My new teacher will get to know all about me as I start school!
- Learn rules and routines of the school day.
- Settle in to school life with my new friends.
- Learn to be independent during the school day.

Vocabulary: school, friends, family, sharing, play, learning

Learning Theme: Autumn

- Name the four seasons and observe changes for Autumn in our local environment.
- Learn about the habitats and hibernation of some common British wildlife.

Vocabulary: seasons, change, weather, temperature, local, environment, hibernate, habitat, woods, farm, harvest

Learning Theme: Fireworks

- Learn about a historical event and sequence a series of events.
- Know the origins of Bonfire Night celebrations and learn how to stay safe.

Vocabulary: Houses of Parliament, king, plot, gunpowder, treason, London, capital city, government

Learning Theme: Diwali

- Learn about the festival of Diwali, who it is celebrated by, how and why.
- Know about places of worship, religious figures and sacred texts.

Vocabulary: Diwali, celebration, Hindus, diva, mehndi, rangoli, shrine, gods, goddesses

Learning Theme: Christmas

- Learn about the celebration of Christmas, who it is celebrated by, how and why.
- Know about places of worship, religious figures and sacred texts.

Vocabulary: Christmas, Christians, celebration, traditions, church, Bible, nativity, advent, census, manger, Christingle

In PSHE we will:

Follow the Jigsaw scheme and will cover the topics:

- Being Me in My World
- Celebrating Difference

Vocabulary: different, same, friend, responsibilities, rights

In Physical Development we will:

Develop our fundamental movements and confidence in fine and gross motor skills.

Vocabulary: skills, movement, control, space, direction

Trips and Special Events:

During the second half of the Autumn Term, we will be joining the rest of the school on a trip to Paignton Zoo – details about this will follow in separate communication.

We will be celebrating Harvest at Hillhead Farm this half term and Christmas in the church at the end of term. We hope to see you there!

Parental Involvement

During the second half of the term there will be Parents Evenings. Details of both to follow.

If you are willing and able to help as a volunteer, please let us know! This could be for weekly sessions in school to help in Forest School or hear readers, or as additional adults for trips. If this is something you are interested in, please contact the school office.