

Reception



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Autumn 2:

We hope you have had a lovely break and ready for the next half term. We have another busy half term ahead and lots of exciting new activities to try.

- Make sure your child's clothes including shoes and especially jumpers have their name in it. This will save us a lot of time. Thank you.
- Please ensure your child has a coat, appropriate footwear and outdoor clothing in school each day due to our outdoor learning in Reception.
- Your child needs spare clothes (it doesn't have to be uniform) in school in case of a variety of accidents, for example drink spills. Please ensure these are named and in a bag.
- Please provide wellies. These will be kept in school for rainy days.

Please listen to your child read each night and complete the home-school activity they will get on a Friday. Home-school books should be returned to school on Wednesdays. Reading books should be brought to school every day. Please remember to sign your child's reading record book so we can change your child's reading book.

If you need to self-isolate or we have to send your child home all learning activities will be put onto SharePoint and the class page on the school website. We will also add home learning to class dojo. Please ensure you know your passwords to Espresso, SharePoint, Numbots and can access the school website and class dojo. If you have any questions or concerns, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Please can we remind you that if your child or anyone in your household has any of the following symptoms everyone in the household MUST self-isolate for 14 days and go for a covid test. If you have a negative test result your child can return to school. If you have a positive test you MUST stay in self isolation for 14 days.

- Temperature above 37.5 degrees Celsius
- A new persistent cough
- A loss of taste or sense of smell

Home-school book – given out on a Friday and handed in on a Wednesday

PE takes place on a Friday

ICT takes place in groups throughout the week

Theme: This half term our big questions are "Where does light come from?" and "Why is Christmas special?"

Personal, social and emotional development:

Keeping safe in the dark and on Bonfire night
Talk about why they are important and the importance of respecting themselves and others.
Discussion about emotions and behaviour and how to solve them.
Discussion around experiences of the dark, different celebrations and rules about being out and about

Physical development:

We will be playing lots of games that encourage us to move around in lots of different ways confidently. We will be learning to throw and catch balls, how to hop and skip. We will be learning to ride a tricycle. We will play lots of games where we have to work together as a team.

Communication and language:

Introduction of new vocabulary in key texts
Recalling main events in a story
Discussion about the features of a book and how we handle books
Talking in sentences of 4/5 words.
Understanding and answering how, when, what, where questions
Talking about the zoo

Reading & Phonics:

We challenge your child to read their school reading book 3 times or more every week. Every child who reads 3 times or more every week will receive a prize out of the prize box and a certificate.

We will be reading the stories Laura's Star, Owl Babies and The Elves and the shoemaker.

Each day the children take part in a 20 minutes phonic session in small groups working on the letter sounds from phase 2. Your child will be taught to blend sounds together to read words. This will be practised through reading activities in school and at home. Your child will be taught to hear the sounds in words.

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Writing:

During our Literacy Sessions we will listen to a variety of different stories including Laura's Star, Owl Babies and the Elves and the shoemaker. We will be making marks in the provision areas writing lists, labels, character names and about our favourite parts of the stories.

Your child will also take part in a 10-minute handwriting session every day to practise letter formation.

Numbers:

Our maths learning will focus on one more and one fewer, number bonds to 5, exploring numbers 6-10 and comparing them.

We will do this through daily counting and lots of practical, fun learning activities.

Shape, Space and measure:

We will be continuing with measuring and talking about size, learning our shapes and sequencing familiar events including day and night activities

Understanding the world:

During our afternoon sessions we will

- Old (Natural) and Modern (Man-Made) forms of light.
- RE – Special times / occasions
- Learning how different religions and cultures celebrate different festivals and features of these events.
- light forms that are natural and those that use electricity, computer programmes on espresso,
- similarities and differences in light sources, exploring shadows and reflective materials,
- Discussion about what animals live at the zoo
- Discussion about day/nocturnal animals
- Talk about light from technology and sensible amounts of 'screen time'
- Look at the differences between daytime and night time.

Expressive arts and design:

- Drawing and painting light sources and shadows,
- Making collages of light sources using different textured materials.
- Role play – Dark forest and house and Christmas cottage
- Making cards etc for different events using different techniques.
- Drawing/painting/collaging pictures from zoo visit
- Make a thank you card for zoo
- Make an owl picture using correct colour feathers etc
- Singing songs.

VIPS:

VIP sessions will not be taking place this half term due to the restrictions in place due to Covid 19. When it is possible to do so we will invite you into school. This will give you the opportunity to look at your child's work and discuss any concerns you may have.

Feel free to browse our school website page to look at the learning your child has been taking part in.

Please feel free to ask us any questions that you may have at the end of the school day and we will help you the best we can.

Dates for the diary:

Friday 23rd October - School closes for the half term holiday

Monday 2nd November - School opens (08.50am-15.15pm - please ensure you are on time to ensure bubbles do not mix, ensure you wear a face covering and maintain social distancing)

Monday 23rd November 2020 – Chester Zoo visit

Friday 18th December – End of term