



Curriculum Information for Parents

Reception (Class 1) second half of Autumn Term 2022

Traditional Tales/Christmas

Communication and Language - What we will learn at school

The children will make up a variety of imaginative role-play situations in our Three Bears Cottage role play. The children will be encouraged to act out real life scenarios. We will have a different traditional tale each week which will provide the children with lots of opportunities to develop their listening, understanding and communication skills.

What can be done at home

Play alongside your child at home as they play with their toys ask them questions as you do so to develop their language skills. Help them to make up stories with their toys encouraging them to use their imagination. Read some traditional tales at home and encourage the children to re-tell them.

Literacy – What we will learn at school.

We will continue to consolidate our knowledge of Phonics sounds and become confident in using them to segment and blend to read words. We will be writing for a variety of different purposes such as labels, menus for a bears' picnic, describing characters and instructions on how to make porridge, gingerbread men and puppets.

What can be done at home

Practice reading with your child at home and support your child to say each sound and then blend them back together. Practice the sounds and harder to read words in the red folder. Read stories together. Use chalk, water and paintbrushes to form letters outside.

Numeracy - What we will learn at school

The children will be provided with opportunities to gain a greater understanding of the value and composition of numbers to 10. We will continue to recognise numbers by their value and represent numbers in different ways. The children will use objects to count and add to develop their knowledge of numbers to 10. We will also be focusing on identifying one more and one less of numbers. They will also order and compare items using size and shape and use the related mathematical vocabulary.

What can be done at home

Continue to practice the numbers in the red folder, encouraging children to recognize numbers by their value as well as the numeral. Encourage your child to have a go at ordering numbers and to find one more and one less. Ask your child to count objects at home E.g. plates, bowls, spoons and support them to write numbers.

Understanding of the World - What we will learn at school

The children will learn about cultural festivals, Bonfire Night, Remembrance Day and Christmas. They will begin to think about past events through stories and the characters they encounter. Children will begin to think about similarities and differences between the past and present. Children will investigate materials and select which ones are best to use to build houses during our Three Little Pigs Story.

What can be done at home

Talk to children about your own past experiences and your own memories of festivals. Show them some old photographs and talk about differences to the present day. Whilst walking around your local area point out different points of interest and encourage your child to talk about their environment.

Expressive Art and Design - What we will learn at school

The children will experience working with a variety of different media and materials through the mediums of Art, Drama and Music. They will engage in imaginative role play experiences re-enacting Traditional Tales, creating paintings, pictures and Christmas Crafts using different materials and learning songs for our Nativity performance.

What can be done at home

Make simple crafts at home, using recyclable materials such as empty toilet rolls, cardboard boxes etc. Decorate them. Encourage your child to paint or draw their favourite characters from our Traditional Tales.

Physical - What we will learn at school

The children will make and construct using bricks, large outdoor equipment and different materials allowing them to express themselves and provide them with lots of opportunities to be imaginative. We will continue developing our fine and gross motor skills in both the indoor and outdoor environments and during P.E sessions we will learn a range of different dance routines.

What can be done at home

Visit a playground and play on the different play equipment. Whilst out walking play games such as I spy, visit the park and play simple ball games, throwing and catching etc.

Personal, Social and Emotional - What we will learn at school

The children will be encouraged to share and take turns whilst playing with resources both indoors and outdoors. They will work as part of a group and be encouraged to listen to others opinions. They will also work with a partner in dance and learn how to take others feelings into account.

What can be done at home

Play a variety of games as a family and encourage your child to take turns and share. Explain to your child that it doesn't matter if they win or lose.

Religious Education – What we will learn at school

This half term we will be learning about The Creation Story and creating our own Creation collages. Following this we will be learning all about the Story of Christmas and about Christian traditions.

What can be done at home

Look for bible stories online and watch these with your child. Talk to your child about how the world was created and talk about the meaning of Christmas and its importance.