

Reception Curriculum Newsletter – Autumn 1

How you can help us support your child

We hope you have all had a wonderful first week in Reception. We are really enjoying getting to know all of your wonderful children. This half term is all about learning new routines and getting to know your child's strengths and any areas of development. We are currently assessing your child, so we have a starting point from which we can plan the next steps for your child to succeed and make progress. We are having a particular focus on Independence. So we will be encouraging the children to put on their own coats, fasten their shoes and support them to become more independent learners.

The Reception Team

We are in the process of checking that the children have all the items of uniform that they need. Please ensure that your child has the following items by the end of the week.

- Labelled Wellies
- A labelled school water bottle
- A book bag
- Spare clothes in a separate bag (to be kept in school)

The children must wear plain black school shoes with velcro **(NO LACES)**

A polite reminder that earrings must not be worn at school.

Can we also ask that you bring in a family photo this week so we can display it in our classroom!

Here are some ideas for you to help your child at home, which will give them an extra boost with their learning!

Personal, Social and Emotional Development - How you can help at home:

- Encourage your child to say positive things about themselves each day.
- Allow your child to explain how they are feeling and encourage them to discuss why.
- Explain your own emotions and feelings and explain any emotions that they are unsure of

Mathematics - How you can help at home. Have a go at the following activities:

- Using real number lines that are used every day such as numbers on jugs, scales, clocks and calendars. Encourage your child to read these numbers.
- Sing counting songs and rhymes
- Talk about timings of the day and what the children do in the morning, afternoon and evening

Physical Development - How you can help at home:

- Talk about ways we can be healthy and which foods are more healthier than others and why.
- When you are at the park, encourage your child to go on balancing equipment.
- Play throwing and catching games to develop your child gross motor skills.
- Make play dough to squeeze, press, roll to develop fine motor skills

Understanding of the World - How you can help at home:

- Discuss appropriate news events so that the children have an understanding of the world around them.
- Have a look for signs of Autumn as you walk around the local area – colours of leaves, trees, what wild life can you see?

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Expressive Arts and Design - How you can help at home:

- Listen to different types of music and talk about which ones they prefer. Choose their own song to play or make up their own in the car.
- Take paper outside to draw the signs of Autumn that you spot.
- Use natural materials to make marks on paper – rubbings, mud paintings.
- Sing songs together and make up dances!

Communication and Language How you can help at home:

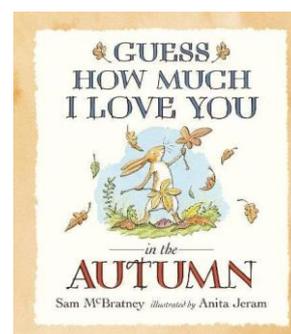
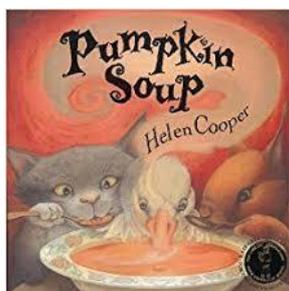
- Give your child opportunities to both express their opinions; but also stop and listen to others.
- Ask your child different types of questions, more open ended such as Why and How questions- this encourages them to give reasons.
- Encourage them to ask questions too! Play games such as guess the animal.

We always have an open door policy and are around to chat but we understand it is a little busy sometimes. Here is our foundation stage e-mail if you have any queries, or you may want to send in photographs of some of the things you have done at home!

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Please also share your children's special achievements and things you are proud of by doing a "Proud Cloud". Cloud templates will be available outside of your child's classroom door at the end of the day with a post box to post them. Thank You

Books we will be exploring this half term!



We always go with the children's interests and we plan accordingly. Currently the children have shown an interest in Autumn and Food. We will also be looking at a range of non-fiction books.

Blog

Please follow our blog at <http://eyfs20.limetreeblogs.net/>. We will be sharing pictures of the children and writing about our fun experiences throughout the week.