

Autumn 2

This half term there are lots of Festivals and Celebrations across the world. We will be learning about Halloween, Diwali, Bonfire Night, Thanks Giving, Shichi Go San and of course Christmas. In Reception we do a lot of learning through play and talk, so when you come into our classroom you will see lots of toys and games which help us with our learning. We also work in small groups with an adult to help us to develop our skills.

Physical Development

Physical development is not just about what we do in our P.E. but also about how we use our bodies. It is about developing our motor skills to allow us to hold our pencils correctly and to pick up objects. We will also be working on using a variety of tools and equipment safely. In our P.E. lessons we will be learning to move within a space, respond to a stop signal and be confident and safe when trying new things. Our P.E. lessons will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays *P.E. kits need to be in school every day and can go home. All kit needs to be clearly labelled with your child's name.*

Mathematics

This term the children will be learning:

- * To count to at least 10
- * Recognise and match objects to numbers.
- * To name 2D shapes.
- * To add and subtract numbers using objects to help us.
- * To have a go with lots of problem solving activities.

Expressive arts and design

Throughout the year we will encourage children to use their imagination and creativity as part of their learning. There will be lots of opportunities for children to 'get messy' and create their own work. As part of their creative work they will learn to evaluate their own work and suggest how they can make improvements.

Literacy

We will be learning about letters and sounds and using the Jolly Phonics programmes. We will be learning:

- * High Frequency and tricky words.
- * How to write our own names independently and
- * To hold our pencils and form our letters correctly.
- * To share and enjoy books

Understanding the World

We will be

- * Using a range of construction materials to help us to build which aids physical development but also to help us with measuring, joining and making decisions about our work
- * Learning about similarities and differences between our way of life and that of others.
- * Learning about different celebrations and festivals.
- * We will be learning how to use apps on the iPad to reinforce our phonics and maths skills. We will also be learning how to print our work.
- * We will also use digital cameras and listening equipment to understand how technology works

Learning Journals

Each child has a journal that will be added to using photos, observations, pictures and snippets of conversations overheard. We will be sending stars home for you to add any important achievements to the journal.

Personal Social and Emotional Development

Reception is a very important place for children to learn what school is like and we aim to make their experience a safe, happy and secure place for all. This term the children will be learning that rules exist in school and what happens if they are not followed.

We will also be trying hard to be independent, hanging up our coats, putting away book bags and getting changed for P.E.