

Welcome to Autumn 2 in reception

Here is a brief summary of what will we be learning this term

We are exploring
LIGHT

As writers, we are going to explore the wonderful story of The Gingerbread Man, where we will learn all about the structure and pattern of journey tales. We will orally retell the story many times and begin to innovate it (change it) by making small changes to the characters to make the story our own. Maybe you would like to try this at home with some toys! We will also be continuing to learn rhymes such as pat-a-cake, wind the bobbin up and twinkle, twinkle little star.

In handwriting, we will start to refine the movements that form the letters, initially in sand and then on whiteboards.

In Sounds-Write, we will learn to build 2 and 3 sound words, search for familiar graphemes (letters that make sounds) and begin to write short dictated sentences.

In reading, we will continue to explore a wide variety of picture books, focusing our teaching on the book 'Wave' by Suzy Lee. We will be asking the children to talk about what they can see in the pictures, using stem sentences and make predictions about the story.

As mathematicians, we will be exploring the value of numbers 5 to 10, using practical resources such as Numicon and dominoes. The children will also be subitising to 6 and practising their 1:1 correspondence to 10.

To understand the world around us, we will be exploring festivals of light from different cultures including Diwali, Bonfire Night and Christmas. We will also be thinking about the main UK religions, places of worship and important places of the local community.

As artists, we will be exploring the primary colours and mixing them to make new colours. We will also be busy rehearsing for our nativity performance, learning new songs and dances.

In computing, we will be building boats and using the computational skills of creating, decomposition and algorithms.

In PSHCE, we will be learning about the importance of 'celebrating differences,' valuing the diversity of the world around us and talking about staying safe in the dark.

As scientists, we will be investigating light sources. Thinking about the difference between sources of light and reflective surfaces.

In PE, we are moving in different ways and directions such as; running, jumping and skipping.

As musicians, we are using our voices and simple percussion instruments to perform songs for our Christmas play.

Important Dates:
• Parents evening - 15th and 16th November
• Monday 11th December Nativity performance
• Tuesday 12th December- Trip

