



Reception

Autumn Term 2023

The Enormous Turnip

Communication and Language

In Reception we will be learning a variety of songs and nursery rhymes with actions.

We are practising taking turns to talk confidently in small groups and we are encouraging the children to look at and listen to the person who is speaking. We are also learning how to find out something about our friends by asking them questions. We will be discussing things that interest us and using our Tapestry Learning Journals to share these with our friends.

We will be learning the story of 'The Enormous Turnip' and retelling it together and independently.

Literacy:

We will be practising writing our names using *lower case* letters and a capital *at the beginning*.

We will be learning phonics using Success For All Phonics programme. We are learning to hear and say the first sound in a word. We are learning the sounds (not *just* the names) that go with the letters of the alphabet to help us match them up. Once confident with the sounds, we will be learning to *blend* them together to read and write simple words.

We will be learning to read books linked to the phonics programme.

We will also be encouraging children to 'have a go' at writing linked to their interests in the environment.

Expressive Arts and Design

The children will have lots of opportunities to explore different media and to respond to a variety of sensory experiences. The children will be able to move to music and join in with class songs. The children have also started to explore the sounds we can make using different instruments including body percussion. We involve the children in developing our role play areas alongside our class story.

Physical Development

We are learning to form letters correctly in different media. During their mark making activities, we are encouraging the children to hold their drawing, painting writing and cutting tools correctly. We are helping them to develop different ways of moving, jumping and landing safely. We will be making vegetable soup and talking about healthy foods. We are encouraging the children to use cutlery independently at lunch time and to tell an adult when they need to go to the toilet. You can help us at home by continuing to practise independent toileting.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We will be getting to know each other and making new friends. The children will be learning class routines.

Using our learning animals linked to 'The 7 Habits', the children will be encouraged to Be Proactive like the 'Responsible Rhino'. This is also linked to the Characteristics of Effective Early Learning.

Mathematics

We will be following White Rose Maths for Reception. This will involve matching sorting and comparing. We will talk about measure and patterns and explore numbers to 5. We will be exploring circles, triangles and shapes with 4 sides.

Understanding the World

We will use the story of 'The Enormous Turnip' to think about Harvest and where our food grows. We will be looking at autumnal changes in the world around us.

During our time outdoors and walks around school, we will observe how the children respond to the world around them. We will encourage them to take care of the natural environment and the things growing in it. At this age, exploration is a key part of learning and we observe the children and help them to develop curiosity about why things happen and how they work.

We will also celebrate different family customs and traditions.

Please remember:

This is a **NUT FREE** school. Please be aware that we do have children with severe nut allergies.

Share a Book

29.09.23

3.10pm

Please come in and share a book with your child.

Please bring to school:

Water bottles, book bag and a coat or sun hat.