

## **Reception Newsletter**



## **Classes RL and RH**

For Autumn 2, our Topic will be 'Why are there so many leaves on the ground?' in which we will explore seasonal change and explore all the signs of Autumn we can see in our local area. Furthermore we will then move on to exploring traditional tales. It is also a busy half term as we prepare for our Christmas Production!

## In **Phonics**:

We follow Read Write Inc. which is a complete literacy programme which helps <u>all</u> children learn to read fluently and at speed so they can focus on developing their skills in comprehension, vocabulary and spelling. In Reception all children will learn how to 'read' the sounds in words and how those sounds can be written down. We have all started with Set 1 sounds, where the children will learn to read the sounds which the letters of the alphabet make. Once we are secure with these we move onto 'special friends' which are digraphs such as 'sh'. When we can confidently blend our letters together we start reading short words and phrases.

In **Maths**, some of the things we will practise are:

- Counting
- Time
- Composition of numbers to 5
- 2D shapes
- Positional Language

During **Indoor PE** on a <u>Wednesday</u> we will be focusing on Dance through a Nursery Rhymes unit. We will learn simple dance motifs using our bodies in different ways, inspired by some of our most loved nursery rhymes.

In **Outdoor PE** on a Monday our unit is Invasion Games Skills. We will explore skills such as finding space, dodging and throwing and catching In **Drawing Club** we work on developing the 3 M's – Mark Making, Mathematics and Making Conversation. This coming half term we have an exciting selection of stories, traditional tales and animations to inspire our work such as Pirate Pete, The Little Red Hen, Goldilocks and the Three Bears and Mr Benn!

In Reception Understanding the World is broken down into three areas:

- People and Communities
- The World
- Technology

An example of some questions that prompt learning in this area are:

- Why is it much colder now than it was when I was on holiday?
- Should we feel sorry for Goldilocks

Our creative areas are broken down into two areas:

- Creating with Materials
- Being Imaginative and Expressive

An example of what we will be doing in this area is design and build a house for the Three Little Pigs to protect themselves from the Big Bad Wolf.

## Messages and reminders

Please make sure you are logging on to Tapestry to see what the children are doing at school. We also love to see what the children are up to over the weekend! Please feel free to send us some pictures and the children will have the opportunity to share this with their friends in school.

Outdoor clothing- Please provide your children with a pair of named wellies and a puddle suit which will stay in school for our outdoor learning!