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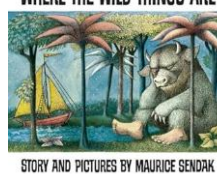
The smallest of all seeds becomes the largest of the garden plants

CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER AUTUMN RECEPTION – MISS THOMPSON AND MISS JONES

The Night Sky

Welcome to Reception! This half term, our learning will be centred around the fascinating theme of **Light and Dark**. Through stories, celebrations, and hands on experiences, we will be exploring how light and dark effect out world and how different cultures celebrate light. We will explore some key themes such Diwali, Bonfire Night, and Christmas.

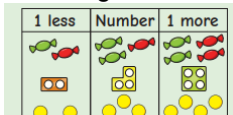
WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARE



The children will continue to learn the Phase 2 phonemes and tricky words following the Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Phonics Programme. They will participate in Drawing Club, 'Squiggle Me into a Writer' and 'Dough Disco' to support their fine motor skills for writing and drawing.

In Maths we will be:

- Know the properties of circles, triangles, rectangles and squares.
- Understand and use positional language.
- Understand representations of 4 & 5 and subitise.
- Know one more/one less of numbers to 5.
- Order key events in daily routine and begin to measure time.



Communication and Language

The children will have the opportunity to retell stories and will be able to explore a variety of texts. We will be discussing how different countries and religions celebrate light. We will continue to ask and answer questions and develop our explanations.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

As we learn about Diwali, Bonfire Night, and Christmas, children will be encouraged to reflect on their own experiences and those of others, fostering empathy and understanding. We will focus on key values such as: Safety, kindness, sharing, family traditions. We will continue to embed The Prior's Promise values into our daily interactions and learning.

Understanding the World

The children will discover how different cultures celebrate light, including Diwali, Bonfire Night, and Christmas, encouraging children to share their own family traditions and experiences. These activities help build curiosity, cultural awareness, and a deeper understanding of the world around them.

Expressive Arts and Design

As we learn about Diwali, Bonfire Night and Christmas, the children will experiment with colour, texture and materials to express ideas. We will also use music, movement, and role play to bring stories to life, encouraging imagination, collaboration and self-expression. We also look forward to welcoming you into school for our Christmas Nativity performance.

Physical Development

In this unit of work the children will explore the different ways of throwing, rolling and stopping a ball. The children will start to learn why we need to aim when we are throwing and understand how to be ready to catch too. The children will also be able to access the EY outdoor learning garden classroom to allow them to continue developing these skills. They will also access Squiggle and Dough Disco.

Phonics

We will be teaching the phase 2 sounds and tricky words. Each phonics session includes a revisit and review, a teach and practice and a practice and apply section. Please follow the Little Wandle link on seesaw for parent support or ask any of the reception team if you have any questions.



Reading at home

We ask children to read at least three times at home with a grown up. If your child has read their book, please support their understanding further by asking them questions about the story. We also love to see any stories you have shared together in your reading planners.

Phonics homework

As we move through the year, we will be learning more sounds and tricky words. Please practise not only writing these sounds but sound talking and blending/reading the words. Even ask your child to be the teacher to allow them to practise!

P.E

Our P.E session will continue to take place on a Wednesday afternoon. In the previous half term, children made a great start at independently changing for PE. We will continue this after half term, please practise independently changing and dressing.



Seesaw

Please ensure you have access to our home school learning app 'Seesaw' as we continually share photographs of our learning and activities. Homework and activities are also set on seesaw weekly.

Please speak directly to a member of the Reception Team if you need any additional information.

Thank you for your continued support

Reception Team