



Curriculum Newsletter: Reception (Autumn Term 2)



Personal Social and Emotional Development

In PSED this half term we will be focusing on Personal Safety. We will be discussing how to stay safe at key events that happen at this time of year e.g. Halloween, Firework night etc. We will look at Stranger Danger and have a focus on Citizenship and how to be a good citizen.

How can I help at home?

Talk with the children about the importance of keeping themselves safe particularly during key events.

Communication and Language

This half term there will be the opportunity for children to role play in a variety of role play areas varying from a bakery or attending Elf School (in order to practise 'elf' skills in time for Christmas). We will be practising for our Christmas Nativity and practise delivering individual or whole class lines clearly so that an audience can hear us! We will start to look at key story language and adding actions to stories so that we can share them with others.

How can I help at home?

Practise lines for the Christmas Nativity
Talk with children about key story language when sharing books at home e.g. Once upon a time, then, next, suddenly, luckily, finally, the end.

Physical Development

This half term we will be looking at how to keep our bodies healthy and the impact that exercise has on the body and what a healthy diet looks like. We will be exploring movement and creating an Autumn Dance, looking at how we can use our bodies at different levels. We will be focusing on our fine motor skills particularly our pencil control and letter formation.

How can I help at home?

Continue to encourage children with changing independently and managing their own fastening and shoes etc.
Practise developing a tripod grip (correct pencil grip) and forming letters correctly at home.

Don't Forget

Please ensure that children have a full set of clearly labelled spare clothes on their peg and a pair of wellies.
Don't forget to check the Class Blogs. These can be found on the school website under the class pages



INTO THE WOODS

In Reception we are very lucky to be able to follow children's interests and teach and learn through a play based curriculum.

We start each term based around a topic and then see what journey the children will take us on.



This half term our initial topic is **INTO THE WOODS**

We will be providing opportunities for children to explore this topic through a variety of play opportunities.

Expressive Arts and Design

This half term we will be looking at the work of Andy Goldsworthy and Mondrian linking to the production of art through natural objects and Autumn colours. We will continue to visit 'The Studio' and develop our confidence for performing songs as a whole class. We will also be learning our Christmas Nativity songs.

How can I help at home?

Visit an art gallery or look at local sculptures in the community and talk about who has designed and created them.

Religious Education

The topic for this half term is **Myself and Special Times**. We will be looking at special times for different people e.g. Diwali, Hannukah and Christmas

How can I help at home?

Talk how people celebrate different special times.
Send learning selfies of any special events you celebrate



Learning Selfie

Learning Selfies are a great way to get children to talk about what they have been learning about at home. So whether you have been out to a museum or cooking at home- why not send us a learning selfie? Send it to learningselfie@kewwoods.com with a sentence about what it is your child has been learning about. home.

Literacy

This half term we will be exploring a range of books that explore Winter and woodlands themes. Some of the books we may look at are 'The Gruffalo', 'The Little Red Hen', 'Stick Man' etc. As we draw nearer to Christmas we will also begin to look at some books with a Christmas theme. We will begin to read and write some Winter Poems and we may even have time to write a letter to Father Christmas.

How can I help at home?

Share a variety of different stories at home
Write for a range of different purposes e.g. letters to friends, poems, shopping lists, Christmas cards etc.



Maths

This half term we will be looking at natural objects and exploring their weights. We will be using the language associated with weight e.g. heavy, light, heavier, lighter etc. We will begin to introduce addition and subtraction in practical activities e.g. we have two bananas and three apples- how many pieces of fruit do we have altogether and we will begin to record our working. Through our Elf School we will begin to look at 2D and 3D shapes and how elves need to know their shapes to help Father Christmas sort out their presents. We will be continuing to introduce and reinforcing counting and recognising numbers to 10.

How can I help at home?

Talk about the names and properties of 2D and 3D shapes
Talk about how many altogether? How many are left when we take away...

Understanding the World

This half term we will have the opportunity to explore seasonal changes. We will be using both planned and incidental opportunities to look at ice melting, changes in leaf colour etc. During our Hub Sessions we will be accessing the 2 simple software and through the iPads looking at how photography can be changed and music added.

How can I help at home?

Discuss seasonal changes at home- how is the garden, local park different? Etc.

Little Star Vouchers

Don't forget you can send in Little Star Vouchers. Little Star Vouchers are used to celebrate something that your child has done at home so we can show we are proud of them too. If you need any more please just ask a member of Reception Team

