



EYFS Newsletter

Autumn 1—2023/2024



Notices and Reminders

Please ensure that your child brings their reading book and reading record to school every day.

PE will start on Friday 3rd November. Children will need to wear their PE kit to school on this day.

Communication and Language

Our Communication and Language focus is all around settling into school and how we can use our words to explain our feelings and make friends.

We are also working on our listening skills by playing lots of games inside and outside and encouraging us to follow simple instructions.



Physical Development

We will focus on gross and fine motor skills to help the children develop their dexterity, strength and coordination. We will practice pre-writing skills, including patterns, holding a pencil and making marks – on a small and large scale.

In P.E., our focus is finding a space and freezing. We are also learning to change direction when we come to an obstacle.

Key dates

Mon 9th October - 9am Asthma/wheeze drop in morning in the main hall run by paediatric respiratory nurses from Frimley

Weds 11th October - school photos

Weds 11th October - Open Morning 8.45am until 10.00am for parents to come in to class with their children and walk around the school

Tues 17th October 3:50pm-7:30pm - Parents Evening in the Main Hall

Thurs 19th October 3:50pm-5:30pm - Parents Evening in the Main Hall

Thurs 19th October 7:30pm - PTA AGM location to be confirmed

Fri 20th October - topic learning exhibition in classrooms straight after school

OCTOBER HALF TERM HOLIDAYS - 23rd to 27th October

Mon 4th December 9am - Rocksteady concert for parents of children who have Rocksteady lessons

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

This half term is all about settling into the school environment with a focus on independence and the classroom rules.

The theme is 'Being Me in My World' which covers how it feels to belong and be part of a group along with a focus on their feelings and emotions.



Literacy

Phonics – We use 'Essential Letters and Sounds' (ELS) to develop our children's early reading and writing skills. The children learn 4 sounds each week, we are currently working within Phase 2. They are also learning 'Harder to Read and Spell Words' (HRWs) which cannot be sounded out.



Talk for Writing – To enhance and embed a love of stories we use 'Talk for Writing'. This involves exploring, learning and asking questions about a story. We will be using Elmer and Pumpkin Soup as our key texts.

Mathematics



- 1.) Match, Sort and Compare: the children will find and group objects which match and investigate different ways of grouping them.
- 2.) Measure and Pattern: we will compare the size, mass and capacity of objects to say which is greater or smaller. The children will notice patterns that repeat and continue a pattern with objects, their bodies or phrases.
- 3.) It's Me, 1,2,3: we will explore numbers 1-3, recognising sets and dots of these numbers and different ways of making 1,2 and 3.
- 4.) Recognising circles and triangles.



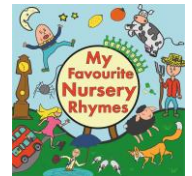
Understanding the World

The children will be thinking about how they have changed as they have grown, talking about what they can do now compared to what they could do in the past. They will be thinking about their families and how old they are compared to other family members.

The children will be observing the changes that take place in Autumn. They will have the opportunity to go outside and look for signs of Autumn. They will think about how the change in weather effects animals and learning about animals that hibernate.

Expressive Arts and Design

In music the children will be listening to various pieces of music and talking about why they like or dislike them. They will sing and perform familiar nursery rhymes identifying the pulse and add their own sounds using their body or instruments.



Homework

Please listen to your child read 5 times a week and record this in their reading diary.

Ideas and suggestions for home learning will be sent home shortly.

Suggested books for reading

Elmer By David McKee

Pumpkin Soup by Helen Cooper

Out and About by Shirley Hughes

Traditional Tales-The Little red Hen, The Three Little Pigs, Goldilocks and the Three bears