

<p><b>Physical Development</b> - To develop our physical abilities, we will be learning to move around our classroom and the school carefully. We will learn to explore the outside play areas co-operatively with our friends. In the outside area, we will enjoy balancing, riding wheeled vehicles, throwing and catching, running and mark making. In our play, we will learn to move confidently, safely and imaginatively. We will also be learning how to hold a pencil correctly using a tripod grip and use scissors effectively. The children will also have a PE lesson every Friday with Mr Croucher, our PE specialist.</p>	<p>Please could you ensure that everything your child brings into school is named – even bags! Please also ensure that your child’s coat is waterproof as we will be going outside every day, whatever the weather and if possible send them in with a pair of wellington boots to keep by their peg. A change of clothes is also useful to have in school every day. Our PE day is Friday and children should wear their PE kit to school on this day. Thank you ~ The Reception Team.</p>	<p><b>Social and Emotional Development</b> - This first term will be spent settling into school and learning the routines and expectations of our class. We will learn how to share the toys; where to go at playtime; and how to listen as a group. We will talk lots about being good friends and looking after each other too. Sometimes we will sit in a circle and play games to help us learn each others’ names. We will also think about the activities in the classroom and how to make good choices.</p>
<p><b>Understanding of the World</b> - As we explore the indoors and outside using our senses, we will develop our knowledge and understanding of the world we live in. We will use the outside area to find and explore natural objects in our environment and we will explore and record the signs of Autumn as the seasons change.</p>	<p>Reception Newsletter Autumn 1, 2021</p> <p>Please remember to provide your child with a drink of water for the school day.</p>	<p><b>Communication and Language</b> –We will spend lots of time this term talking to the children and getting to know them. This will help develop their speaking, listening and understanding skills. The children will also be joining in with small group and whole class discussions throughout the day. This will give them an opportunity to share their ideas and develop their vocabulary.</p>
<p><b>Expressive Arts and Design</b> - For creative development as artists, we will be learning to create paintings using a variety of materials, including our fingers, sponges and paint brushes. We will also be drawing lots of pictures of our families and ourselves. Through a range of different media, we will craft in our class make and do area; exploring different methods of adhesion. We will use our hearing to identify the sounds of a range of instruments and to compose our own music.</p>	<p><b>Literacy</b> - This term, we will learn a lot of new letter sounds using the Read, Write Inc. phonics scheme. Your child will be bringing sounds home to learn weekly and we would ask that you practice these new sounds with your child. We will also be sending tricky words for your child to learn. We will be practicing our name writing in class and learning how to form letters correctly.</p>	<p><b>Mathematical Development</b> - As young mathematicians, there are some basic aspects of maths that we will learn in our first term. We will start to recognise numbers from 0-5 and beyond. We will learn and practise our 1 to 1 counting and will begin to explore patterns, sorting and comparing quantities and size. There will be lots of activities that will help us with our learning – such as number games and puzzles. We will reinforce our learning by singing counting and number songs.</p>