



Hedgehog Class Autumn Term 2 Overview



Physical Development

As part of our work on bonfire night we will be learning about how to keep ourselves safe around fireworks and bonfires.

Even as the weather begins to turn colder we will continue to make good use of our outdoor area so please ensure your child has warm coat in school. This half term the children have really enjoyed using our large equipment to make dens, tea shops, schools, Dr surgery, bowling alley to name but a few. We will continue to support them to lift, carry, push, pull and stack the equipment to develop body strength, co-ordination and agility.

During focussed teaching time and during our play we will use a range of tools to develop our fine motor control.

Communication and Language

During snack time and whole class sessions we will continue to develop our listening skills and understand how we can become good listeners ensuring we are looking at the person who is talking to us. Listening to stories every day and through our topic work will help us to learn new vocabulary.

Understanding the World/RE

In early November we will be learning about the Hindu festival of light, Diwali. We will investigate the theme of 'light over dark' and 'good over evil' and link this to the Christian belief that God is the light of the world. We will make our own diva lamps, rangoli patterns and we may even taste some food eaten to celebrate Diwali. This will help us to understand that people may have different beliefs to ourselves and celebrate special times in different ways.

As Christmas approaches we will learn about the Christmas story and why this is significant to Christians. We look forward to welcoming you to watch our whole school Nativity performance

Light and Dark & Celebrations!



Literacy

We will continue to develop a love of reading through sharing stories every day. If your child has a favourite story they would like us to read to the class do please encourage them to bring it in. We will learn to tell some stories to help us become familiar with story structure and vocabulary. In phonics we will continue to learn letter sounds and how to write them. We will start to blend the sounds into words so that we can read short words that contain the letter sounds we know.

Expressive Art and Design

We kick start this half term with a whole school art day where we will be focussing on the work of Giuseppe Arcimboldo. In the run up to Firework Night we will explore using a variety of artistic effects to express our ideas and feelings to create some fantastic firework pictures.

Mathematics

Our main themes in maths this half term will be looking at the numbers 1, 2 and 3, 4 and 5 in depth to give us a really strong foundation on which to build. In our counting we will learn that each number is one more than the number before and when we count back we will learn that each number is one less. In addition to learning rhymes and songs to support our counting skills we will play games using dice and counters and ask questions such as *who has the most counters? How many more counters do we need to fill the track? We will also learn about shapes and investigate the work of the artist Kandinsky.*

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

During Circle Time we will discuss how we can bring 'light' to this world by treating ourselves and others with care, respect and kindness. We will continue to learn how to interact with our peers positively during our play and consider the feelings of others.

What can you do to help your child on their way?

Snuggle up and read to your child as often as possible. Sharing and reading books at home has a hugely positive impact on your child's education.

Talk to your child about how the nights and mornings are becoming darker. Look into the night sky and appreciate the awe and wonder of the beautiful night sky. Can you identify any star constellations?

Play games that involve counting. Ask questions such as how many more do you need? Who has got the most counters? How do you know?