EYFS What will I be learning this half term?

Autumn I

Literacy

This half-term, we'll be exploring the wonderful communities your child is part of — from family and friends to school and beyond! Together, we'll discover what makes each of us special and unique through stories, songs, and lots of fun activities.
Circle time will give us the chance to share ideas and build our communication skills, while revisiting favourite books will help children grow in confidence as they begin to retell stories all on their own.
Some of the lovely books we'll be enjoying are *Who Are You?*, *The Colour Monster*, *All Kinds of Families*, *Owl Babies*, and *Love*.

Mathematics

This term, we'll be diving into early Maths in lots of hands-on, exciting ways! Children will be busy ordering and comparing objects, spotting patterns all around them, and learning how to describe, copy, and extend patterns of different shapes and sizes. We'll also enjoy sorting and grouping activities, exploring big and small collections, and using fun challenges to think about length, weight, and capacity — guessing, testing, and comparing as we go. Along the way, we'll be discovering shapes and practicing our positional language ("on top," "next to," "under") through play and problem-solving.

The World & Expressive Art and Design

This term, we'll be getting out and about to explore our wonderful school grounds and local environment! The children will enjoy nature walks, noticing all the little details that make our surroundings special. Back in the classroom, we'll become artists — creating self-portraits and family portraits by carefully choosing colours that best match us. We'll also experiment with colour mixing and make some fantastic artwork inspired by *The Colour Monster*.
As Summer fades into Autumn, we'll be keeping our eyes peeled for seasonal changes in plants and animals. The children will capture the beauty of Autumn through expressive art, using rich autumnal colours to bring their ideas to life

Phonics

In FS1 we will develop our listening and attention skills by going on listening walks, comparing different sounds and learning about environmental sounds. In FS2 we will be following the Read Write Inc programme to continue learning set 1 initial sounds. We will be blending sounds together to form words and learn how to form letters.

Important Notes

- Please remember to **put names in all clothes**, then we can find lost items.
- **Please provide a water bottle with your child's name on.** Water only is permitted in bottles
- Please provide a **change of clothes**, if your child needs to get changed, they will be much more comfortable if they have their own clothes.

All about me!

Possible Activities to do at home

- Promote independence at home by encouraging your child to put on their own coat, dress themselves and use the toilet independently.
- Share stories with your child and talk about what is happening in the pictures and what they think might happen next.
- Look at family photographs with your child, talk with your child about how they have grown and changed since they were a baby.



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