

AUTUMN (1) September 2019

This half term our topics are Ourselves and Autumn. We will be thinking about similarities and differences between us; thinking about things that we like and dislike; discussing our families and important people; and investigating our senses. We will also explore the Season of Autumn, looking at the changes that take place in our environment and learning some Autumn inspired songs and rhymes.

This half term we will be following the White Rose's New Reception Scheme of Learning for Maths. We will be looking in depth at numbers 1 to 5, although we will also explore larger numbers. We will be sorting objects into groups and we will be comparing quantities of identical and non identical objects.

Phonics — We will begin daily phonics sessions following the Read Write Inc programme of study. We will learn to hear, recognise and write sounds and practise the key skills of segmenting and blending.

In Language this half term, we will start our 'Talk for Writing' programme of work. We will focus on the key texts 'The Three Little Pigs' and 'The Little Red Hen'. Using these books we will learn to retell stories using props, actions and story maps; we will learn to sequence key events; and think about the characters involved in the stories and how they act and feel. We will also begin to adapt our stories by replacing key characters and thinking of alternative endings.

Homework will be sent home on a Friday and should be returned by the following Wednesday.

On a Friday children can bring in one small item of interest /toy to be discussed in class. Library books and reading books will be changed once a week. Please sign your child's planner when you have read with them and please make sure that book bags are brought in each day.

Reception will be doing PE on a Friday afternoon. Please can you make sure that all PE kits are in school by Friday 13th September.

Can all children please bring in a spare set of clothes that can be used if they get wet or dirty when playing. A t-shirt, track suit bottoms and a change of underwear will be sufficient.

To help with your child's education here are two useful links when reading to your child and hearing your child read.

[Ten Benefits of Reading for your Child](#)

[Ten Tips On Hearing Your Child Read](#)