



Autumn term

Welcome to Autumn term 1!

We hope that you have had a great Summer holiday and are looking forward to a fun packed Autumn term. We are really excited about the new school year and looking forward to getting to know your children!

General information

Morning routine

In the mornings the children will need to hang their coats and change shoes in the cloakroom. They can put their book bags and lunch boxes in the labelled boxes. The children can then come into the classroom, where they will self register and can choose an activity to settle them in. If you wish to bring your child into the classroom and have a look around at what we have been doing then please do so.

The end of the school day

The children will be seen out of the classroom exit at the end of the day by an adult. If your child is not going home with their usual adult please can you inform us in the morning so that we know who to send your child home with.

The week.

Within the foundation stage there are 3 prime areas of learning—Personal, Social and Emotional, Communication and language, and physical. There are 4 specific areas which include mathematics, Literacy, Understanding of the World and Expressive Arts. We will be structuring our week to provide opportunities for the children in all these areas through our topics. We will spend the first few weeks getting to know the children and making sure they are all happy and comfortable in our environment. We will be learning outdoors as well as inside the classroom throughout the year.

Assemblies

Celebration Assembly is on Fridays and parents are very welcome to come along and join us straight after they have dropped off in the morning. Head teacher's awards and house cups are given out at these assemblies and we celebrate achievements both in and out of school. The children in reception will not attend these at first but we will let you know when we start taking part.

R.E.

Our first topic for this term is 'myself', more information about this topic and others covered this term will be given in our termly R.E. newsletter. We shall also be learning our school prayers.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

This term we will be focussing upon relationships, encouraging the children to take turns and share fairly and understanding the codes of behaviour. We will make our own Golden Rules for areas in the classroom especially the carpet and the children will be working really hard to follow these.



Mathematics



We will be recognising and ordering numbers and finding out one more and one less. We will be looking at number stories finding out different ways of making a particular number and also looking at shape. At home you can help your child by counting simple everyday objects.

Communication, Language and Literacy

Language and communication is our main focus for this first term. We will be encouraging the children to listen and join in with enjoyment to stories, songs, rhymes and poems and respond with relevant comments and questions. Every day we will have 20 minutes of phonics, this is taught through Letters and sounds and the Read Write Inc scheme. *Keep an eye out in our weekly school newsletter for our phonics evening which will provide you with information on this scheme and what you can do at home to help your child.*

Physical Development

We are very active within the class, the children have access to an outside area throughout the whole year come rain or shine. In our P.E. lessons we are focussing upon movement with control and co ordination. We will also have a daily funky fingers session where we concentrate on manipulative skills helping us with our fine motor control.

Understanding of the World

The focus for this term will be finding out about ourselves and our school.

Creative Development

We will be encouraging the children to use their own ideas to design and create alongside developing their imagination through role play and stories.



Rewards

Each child will be in one of our four English Martyrs houses. House points are awarded for good work, good behaviour, setting a good example etc. House points are noted down and at the end of the week tallied, the child with the most house points receives the class cup in our Friday celebration assembly. They can then take this cup home for the weekend to show off to family and friends.

Reading Diary

Your child will be given a reading diary and book towards the end of the term.

We will start the children with picture books encouraging them to share the book with you using the pictures to retell the story. Please can you comment in the reading diary so we can track reading at home as well as at school. We encourage the children to read at least 3 times at home in the week and termly awards are handed out in the celebration assembly.

We will also send home the sounds that the children are learning for you to practise at home.

Every morning we will write on the classroom white board what we will be covering that day so you can become fully involved in their learning.

Notices

- ✓ Please ensure that your child has indoor shoes.
- ✓ Please ensure that all items belonging to your child are clearly labelled.
- ✓ Please ensure that your child has appropriate footwear and outer wear appropriate for the weather.
- ✓ If your child is unable to attend school due to illness or if you need to collect your child due to an appointment can you please email or ring school to inform us and also provide a short note for our records.
- ✓ office@englishmartyrs.rutland.sch.uk 01572 / 722400

If you do have any concerns or questions please remember our door is always open. If you are unable to pop in and see us you can email me -Mrs Jones on:

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