



**Welcome to the Early Years Newsletter**

**Autumn 2 2018**

Welcome to Early Years. This term we will be looking at Autumn and the changing of the seasons.

**All children will participate in a rich, exciting curriculum that covers all 7 areas.**

**Personal, Social and Emotional Development**

**Nursery**

Nursery children will be learning about how to care for the environment and animals.

**Reception**

Reception children will be learning about how to care for themselves during the changes of the seasons.

**Communication and Language**

**Nursery**

The children will be exploring language through a variety of songs and rhymes, it is essential for **all** adults to speak to children to help extend their vocabulary.

**Reception**

Children will be exploring different stories and using 'Talk 4 Writing' to help extend their vocabulary.

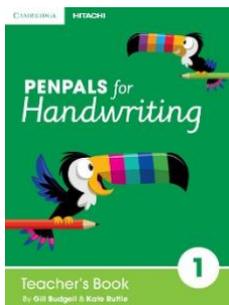
**Physical Development**

**Nursery**

Nursery children will participate daily in 'Funky Fingers' activities, these will help strengthen their fine motor skills, as well as hand and eye coordination.

**Reception**

In Reception the children will be introduced to PENPALS writing exercises, this activity helps to strengthen children's fine motor muscles to enable them to develop their pencil grip which, in turn, will help to develop their writing skills.



**Literacy: Why do leaves go crispy?**

**Nursery**

The children will be learning how to sit and listen to a story, to enable them to recall key features and facts about the environment.

**Literacy: Why do squirrels hide their nuts?**

**Reception**

The children will be learning to identify characters and other key features of a story. They will also look at similarities and differences between their environment and animals.

**Maths**

**Nursery**

Nursery children will be exploring numbers through rhymes and counting songs. They will also be introduced to practical maths through sharing and sorting activities.

**Reception**

The children will be exploring numbers through rhymes and counting songs. They will be looking at different shapes and their properties.

**Understanding the World**

**Nursery**

The children will be learning about Autumn, how the leaves change colour and the weather gets colder.

**Reception**

The children will be learning how the seasons change throughout the year. They will learn how seasons impact on the environment and animals.

**Expressive Arts and Design**

**Nursery**

The children will have access to paint, sand and water on a daily basis. They will explore natural objects and create Autumn themed art work.

**Reception**

The children will work together to make bird feeders, and create Autumn themed art work.



**Weekly Homework**

Please remember homework should be handed in every Monday and children will be issued with homework on Wednesday along with homework diaries that should be signed by parents. They are a communication tool for us all. Reading books should be changed weekly and reading records signed also.

**Topic Homework.**

**Nursery**

Please take your child on an Autumn walk, this could be on the way to school. Collect fallen leaves and other Autumn items to be displayed in the classroom.

**Reception**

Please take your child on an Autumn walk, this could be on the way to school. Collect fallen leaves and other Autumn items to be displayed in the classroom, ask the children to collect different coloured and shaped leaves.



To ALL the parents who attended our Diwali workshop, we hope you enjoyed learning about this festival and working with your child.

We will be running a Christmas workshop this half term, date to be confirmed, and look forward to seeing you there.

**A reminder:** Children should wear school uniform always with black shoes. Children should not wear any jewellery, except a watch and stud earrings.