

Early Years 'Little Acorns'

EYFS Communication & Language ~ Early Communication

Throughout the term learners will have opportunities to further develop their communication skills. We will do this through a total communication environment including objects, photographs, Makaton, body signs and eye gaze technology.

In addition to this, learners will take part in circle time, intensive interaction sessions, bucket time and sensory song activities which focus on key skills of looking and listening. We will explore what sounds we can hear in the classroom environment, then in the Autumn woods.

How you can help: Try your own 'Autumn walk' what can you see, hear, smell, and touch? Bring something into school which you found.

EYFS Personal Social Emotional Development

In shared attention in circle time, active learning, thought of the day, massage, call and response and in 'Rainbow time' we continue to build on awareness of ourselves and others as well as developing our turn-taking skills.

We will be focusing on getting to find out about ourselves, building on relationships with new people and where things are in the classrooms. Sharing our emotions and exploring things which can help make us feel better or less anxious. We will all be working towards a 'can do' attitude and having another go even if things go wrong.

We will practise washing and drying our hands.

A warm welcome to all our new Nursery and Reception children, and well done to our older learners for managing such change.

In the first 4wks our main focus will be on settling in, we will then explore our topic of 'Autumn' the season. Learning opportunities will be focused around changes in the immediate environment, colour, smells and things associated with Autumn. As part of Understanding our World we will experience Harvest, Bonfire night and Christmas through a range of multisensory experiences. Draft Timetables will be sent out shortly, however these do change due to the children's interests and to allow for spontaneity.

OTHER NEWS – Our outdoor play area has now been improved. New equipment/resources are being put in. We would like your valued help in making our outside area more naturally resourced. – so if anyone has any links with local garden nurseries or can source us some safe plants, make items please get in touch.

THANK YOU for the superb 'Happy boxes' that we have been seeing

Reminders

- **DT/messy play contributions** – all payments will be done through **Parent pay**. Please continue to support us – if your child does not eat orally all money goes towards cookery/messy play materials. We can then explore a wider range of materials.

Cognition - Early Mathematics

Wake 'n' shake sessions help us get ready for learning by stimulating our brains through movement and music.

Numbers – we will be exposed to numbers in play my way opportunities, in our environment and through songs and rhymes.

Early Thinking/problem solving - Your child will take part in messy play/art sessions that focus on different skills like cause and effect, making choices and following simple instructions. We will be learning to attend to a range of multi-sensory stimuli and make things happen.

Wow days

Welcome new friends party Harvest

Bonfire Night Christmas sensory journey

EYFS Physical Development My Body

Physical development will be part of all our sessions through movement and positioning. We also have 1-1 therapy sessions where we continue to work on our **Physio/OT/MOVE** goals alongside focused body awareness to music, PE, Rough and tumble play and through outside learning.

We will focus on finer movements through the sensory art sessions, disco dough and massage where we will exercise our fingers, hands, wrists and arms to our happy music.