



Reception Autumn Term 2018

All About Me

We are excited to be starting the year with our termly project "All About Me" as we try to answer the question "what makes us special?".

This project will be a great opportunity for us to find out about ourselves, our bodies and how to keep healthy. As scientists, the children will be investigating their own senses (hearing, sight, smell, touch) through a variety of hands-on and multi-sensory experiments.

We will also talk about where we live, which will be an occasion to look at maps on paper and online.

Finally, we will be drawing self-portraits and drawing family pictures, concentrating on face and body features.

Looking at the painter Archimboldo for inspiration, we will then use different materials to create our portraits.

Phonics

During this first term, the children will be re-visiting and embedding basic phonics skills they explored in Nursery:

- Environmental
- Body percussion
- Rhythm & Rhyme
- Alliteration
- Voice sounds
- Oral blending/segmenting simple words

We will also begin to learn some simple letter sounds towards the end of the term.

Maths

Regarding Maths, we will be re-visiting and reinforcing key numerical skills:

- Recognising numbers to 10 and beyond
- Counting actions or objects which can't be moved
- Counting irregular arrangement – 10
- Taking smaller amount from a larger group – 6
- Counting 10 objects and beyond

The children will also be exploring simple 2D shapes and their properties, as well as height and length.

Construction:

Children will have the opportunity to explore different equipment and material in our construction area. We will think about what our homes look like, and have a go at building our own houses out of Lego and junk modelling.

Physical Development:

This term, we will begin working on pengrip and letter formation in the classroom. The children will also start PE where they will be practising getting changed in their kits, as well as moving safely around the hall and following simple instructions.

Storytelling:

We will be launching our Storytelling project with the traditional tale "The Three Little Pigs". During our weekly sessions, the children will learn the story and deepen their knowledge and understanding of the story through songs, role-play, and class discussions.

Music:

Music will be an integral part of our phonics teaching the term, as it will enhance the children's ability to discriminate sounds. They will be learning about different instruments, how to follow and create a rhythm, along with building on their repertoire of songs and nursery rhymes.

RE

In Religious education, the children will learn some new class prayers that are part of our routine at school, along with attending the vicar's assembly weekly. At the end of the term, the children will also attend their first school church service to celebrate the Harvest Festival.

Technology

We will be working on making toys work by pressing parts or lifting flaps to achieve effects such as sound, movements or new images, especially using iPads. We will also find out that information can be retrieved from computers, investigating on the internet.

Enrichment:

The children will begin attending Key Stage and whole school assemblies this term as well as our first church services for Harvest and Christmas.

We will also be going on an Autumn walk around the village. Finally, you will be invited to attend our first "Books at Bedtime" event in October (details to follow shortly).

Personal, Social, Emotional Development:

This term, the children will work on settling into their new classroom routine, and getting to know each other.

We will be introducing the children to Circle Time, a time during which we talk about class expectations, as well as how to play and learn together.