

R1S Reception Newsletter Autumn Term 2 2017

Welcome back to a very exciting term ahead. The children have all settled very well after the holiday so we would now like them all to start coming into school on their own to develop their independence and self-confidence. They really enjoyed sharing the lovely photos and pictures from their half term holiday.

Our topic this half term is going to be about Alf White and we are hoping to compare living in the past to how the children live today. We will also be looking at Remembrance Day and Christmas. However, this will run alongside planning that comes from the children's developing interests and this happens one day for the next, or in the moment! We support and extend children's developments using what they are interested in.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We will be doing more work this term on developing the children's awareness of how they can be a good partner. They will also continue to develop their skills in conflict resolution ie talking and listening to each other and learning how to sort out little disagreements amongst themselves.



Communication and Language

Listening skills are an essential part of good communication so we will continue to play games to promote this such as Giant's Keys. We will be learning the words for our Christmas Production. Show and Tell will be every Wednesday afternoon. It will be helpful if your child has thought of two or three things to say about their object. Please make sure the toy is small enough to fit into their red book bag.



Physical Development



In PE the children will be developing ball skills and also learning how to control their body when moving in different ways. P.E will be on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Please ensure that your child has their P.E kit in school every week and that it is clearly named. In the classroom there will be lots of opportunities for children to develop their fine motor skills, particularly the use

of scissors.

Literacy

Our oral storytelling work will be based around 'I want a cat'. The children will learn the story using puppets, role play and by reading story maps before they make changes to create their own versions. Phonics teaching takes place daily with the latest speed sounds being added to the PACT book weekly. The children are learning to blend these sounds together to read words.



Mathematics



This term we will be learning lots of number songs and looking at different activities linked to both 2D and 3D shapes.

Understanding the World

The focus for this part of the curriculum will be how to care for animals and the role of a vet. We will also be learning about Christmas and what it means to different people and how it is celebrated.

Expressive Arts and Design



The children will be learning to keep a steady beat and copy simple rhythms. We will continue to learn our rhymes. Next week we will begin learning the poem 'Witch, Witch.'

Important dates for your diary

Visit to the James Herriot Centre - Tuesday 28th November. More information will follow.

Christmas Production - Tuesday 12th December

Carol Service - Thursday 21st December

Christmas lunch - Friday 22nd December

Please remember we are here to help -please pop in and speak to us if you have any queries.

Many thanks for your support,
Miss Shepherd, Mrs Headdock, Miss O'Brien, Mrs Moores.