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Dear parents/carers,

Please find below an overview of reception topics this half term, including some links and activities which can be completed at home.

Reception Overview – Autumn 2

<u>Communication and Language:</u> This half term we will be continuing to apply our good listening rules into our classroom activities by showing that we can follow longer instructions and listen to the activities on the carpet. We have a daily story time where we look at stories outside of our weekly texts. We are introducing a word of the day called 'vocabulary ninja' where we will explore a different word every day of the week.	<u>Phonics:</u> This half term we will be continuing to explore set 1 phonemes within our read write inc phonics scheme. We will be blending CVC words to help us read and segmenting CVC words to help us with our writing. We will also be starting to introduce 'special friends' where two letters are put together to make one sound. <u>Phonics Activities for home</u> https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/ Phonics play has some free phoneme recognition games and some blending games which will support children with their phonics learning.
<u>Literacy:</u> This term in Literacy we will be looking at the topic 'Starry Night' and 'Festivals' and where we will be exploring a variety of texts comparing night and day, looking at space and then exploring the nativity story. Through our literacy we read the texts, act out the stories and make links throughout our daily continuous provision with role play, storytelling and written work.	<u>Math's:</u> Through math's we will be looking at triangles and circles, focusing on naming the shapes and describing the properties of the shapes. We will also be looking for shapes in the environment. We will then move on to look at numbers to five, this includes exploring different representations of the numbers to five, subitising to five and also looking at our number bonds to five.
<u>Understanding the World:</u> Through RE we are going to be following the Jigsaw scheme of work which looks at the Nativity story and in detail about the different key people involved in the story. Through science we will be looking at comparing day and night and we will be exploring the season of winter.	<u>Expressive Arts and Design:</u> We have always got access to art and design daily in the classroom. This half term we will be looking at creating starry scenes, looking at the artist Van Gogh and creating starry pictures like him. We will be painting using a wide range of media such as cotton buds and sponges. We are also going to be developing scissor skills including how to hold them and how to use them safely.
<u>Personal, Social and Emotional Development:</u> We follow the Jigsaw scheme of work. This term we are looking at 'Celebrating Difference' which explores things that we are good at, what makes us unique and how we all have some similarities and differences. We are also exploring our emotions and how to manage our emotions through games and circle time activities.	<u>Physical Development:</u> Within PE we are going to develop our knowledge around ball skills by throwing and catching, dribbling and keeping control on the ball. We will also be completing some yoga units linking to some of our key stories.

Many Thanks,
The Reception Team

