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'Aim high, prepare to achieve'

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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.

Butterflies will be starting Forest School this half term on a Thursday.

Both classes will have PE on a Friday.

Reception Overview – Autumn 1

<u>Communication and Language:</u> This half term we will be focusing on listening skills and developing confidence when working in small groups. We will be playing lots of games together to promote the four good listening rules: sitting still, staying quiet, listening to all the words and looking at the person who is talking. This will then help us within our circle time activities around our topic 'Me and My Community'.	<u>Phonics:</u> Pupils will be starting their Read, Write, Inc journey by beginning to learn the Level 1 phonemes. We will be reading and hearing the phoneme and looking at how to write the grapheme. We will be looking at initial sounds within our discovery time through a variety of games. Phonics Activities for home https://www.topmarks.co.uk/phonics/balloon-phonics-cvc-game
<u>Literacy:</u> This term in Literacy we will be looking at the topic 'Me and My Community' exploring a variety of texts about ourselves, our families and then looking at the roles of different people in our community. We will be writing some lists and also having a go at writing our name and the names of some important people in our families.	<u>Maths:</u> Through Maths we will be exploring the numbers 1 – 3. We will be looking at subitising, singing songs and representing these numbers in different ways. We will also be starting the unit 'match, sort and compare', where we will be looking at a variety of mathematical equipment and sorting a variety of objects in different ways.
<u>Understanding the World:</u> Through RE we are going to be following the Jigsaw scheme of work which looks at 'what makes people special' this half term. Throughout our topic work we will be exploring the season 'Autumn' and looking at the roles of members of the community.	<u>Expressive Arts and Design:</u> We have access to Art and Design activities daily in the classroom. This half term we will be looking at portraits; painting pictures of ourselves, creating natural pictures and biro portraits. We will be building houses and exploring printing. We will then bring in the local community within our imaginative play, exploring the roles of the emergency services, alongside other jobs.
<u>Personal, Social and Emotional Development:</u> We follow the Jigsaw scheme of work. This term we are looking at 'Being Me', which will be exploring our emotions, having kind hands and looking at our rights and responsibilities.	<u>Physical Development:</u> Within P.E. we are going to be looking at how to move safely and sensibly in a space with others, look at using equipment and travelling in different ways.

Many Thanks,
The Reception Team

