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'Aim high, prepare to achieve'

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.
Busy Bees will be starting Forest school this half term on a Wednesday.
Both classes will continue to have PE on a Thursday.

Reception Overview – Autumn 2

Communication and Language: 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.	**Phonics:** This half term we will be continuing to explore set 1 sounds within our read write inc. phonics scheme. We will be starting to focus on CVC words, looking at blending and segmenting to support us with our reading and writing. We will also be starting to introduce 'special friends' where two letters are put together to make one sound. https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/ Phonics play has some free sound recognition games and some blending games which will support children with their phonics learning.
Literacy: This term in Literacy we will be looking at the topic 'Starry Night' and 'Festivals' and will be exploring a variety of texts comparing night and day, looking at space and then exploring the nativity story. We will continue to focus on a book each week and throughout this we will breakdown the story, discuss the author and content of the story, retell stories and make links to the books within the classroom provision. We will also be using 'Talk through stories', to develop our vocabulary, comprehension and expression.	**Maths:** Throughout math's we will be exploring numbers to five, this includes exploring a variety of concrete resources, subitizing up to five and looking at our number bonds to five. We will then be reviewing shapes and introducing 4 sided shapes and we will be exploring mass and capacity. There are a wide range of number games online – 'Topmarks' have some lovely maths games that the children can interact with. https://www.topmarks.co.uk/
Understanding the World: 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.	**Expressive Arts and Design:** In reception we have access 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 our own starry pictures. We will be painting using a wide range of media such as cotton buds, corks and sponges. We are also going to be developing scissor skills including how to hold them and how to use them safely.
Personal, Social and Emotional Development: 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 some similarities and differences. We are also exploring our emotions and how to manage out emotions through games and circle time activities.	**Physical Development:** Within PE we are going to be developing our agility, jumping, landing and balance skills, using our 'Real PE 'scheme. The theme of this unit is 'Social skills', looking at turn taking.

Many Thanks,
The Reception Team