

Learning in the Autumn Term 2

Foundation Stage

During the autumn term the theme will be:

'What happens to a letter?'



Welcome back! We hope that you have enjoyed your week off and are refreshed and ready to get back to school to find out about the exciting things this half term has in store for us.

Our learning theme this half term is 'What happens to a letter?' We will be looking at the journey of a letter from the minute it is written to when it ends up in our letterbox. Each child will be given the chance to write their own letter to Father Christmas. A class walk will see us posting our letters to the North Pole. We will also be very busy preparing for Christmas, especially our performance in the Key Stage 1 play.

We will be active in our learning by:

Using our knowledge and experiences to learn about the journey of a letter and the Royal Mail service.

Through playing and exploring, we will:

Enjoy first hand experiences of writing and posting our own letter. We will get the opportunity to work in our Role Play Post Office.

By creating and thinking critically, we will:

Talk about our experiences of writing letters, cards, postcards and invitations. Decide what a letter needs to include in order to be posted to somebody else.

Home Learning:

We will continue to send home letter fans as the children learn new sounds. The sounds we will learn this half term will be digraphs - these are two letters that make one sound. Please continue to practise sight words and read regularly at home.

Reminder:

Christmas Fayre 1st December

Christmas Production Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th December.

The physical skills we will be developing are:

Moving in different ways: hopping, jumping, skipping, running and walking.

Making patterns with the actions we have learnt and putting these patterns into routines.

Continue our work on spatial awareness and making important decisions about our healthy lifestyle.

Throwing and catching using bean bags, hoops, large and small balls. We will practise our under arm and over arm throwing.

Can I please remind children that the playground equipment is not to be used before or after school.

As Creators, we will:

Be busy designing and making Christmas decorations and surprises!

As Speakers and Listeners, we will:

Talk about our own lives and experiences using past, present and future forms accurately. Learn new vocabulary linking to the journey of a letter. Ask questions of one another to find out each other's thoughts and opinions.

What happens to a letter?

As Readers and Writers, we will:

Continue to learn our letters and sounds and practise writing these. Ensure we are forming our letters correctly and try to make our writing a little smaller. Practise our Robot Talk by blending and segmenting simple words. We will use the texts Owl Babies, Jolly Postman and Postman Pat as stimulus for our learning and we will look at different features of writing lists, instructions, non-fiction and fiction; not forgetting our letters to Father Christmas!

The Personal, Social and Emotional skills we will be developing are:

Working together and communicating effectively with each other. Learning how to solve problems together and how to deal with our own feelings.

As Mathematicians, we will:

Consolidate what we have learnt about numbers 0-20 and how we can represent these.

Use a number line to move backwards and forwards finding one more and one less than numbers to 20.

Look at numbers to represent a position 1st 2nd 3rd etc.

Use the mathematical language heavier and lighter to compare the weight of objects in our Christmas post office.

Begin to use coins and understand their value.

As Information Technologists, Investigators and Explorers, we will:

Learn to take photographs with the cameras.

Look at how modern technology allows us to communicate via email and record our own musical soundtracks.