



*One Community, Growing and Learning Together*

## Reception Curriculum Newsletter - Autumn Term 2

Welcome to Autumn 2! We would like to share our curriculum coverage for this half-term.

**Communication & Language** – This half term we will continue to work on our speaking and listening. We will be sharing our own experiences of the different festivals and occasions that we celebrate and listening to our friends as they share theirs with us.

**Personal, Social and Emotional Development** – We will continue to work on becoming more independent with self-care e.g. handwashing, toileting, and with our coats and belongings. We will also work on getting ourselves dressed for PE.

**Physical Development** – This half term we will be concentrating on both fine and gross movements. We will use our outdoor area to explore different ways of moving and throwing and catching balls. We will continue to develop our fine motor skills and strengthen our finger muscles by manipulating dough, using tweezers and scissors.

**Literacy** – We continue to work within level 2 of our phonic scheme. The children will experience all of the single sound letters and be introduced to some double letter sounds too (ll, ff, ss). The children will concentrate on segmenting cvc words (sounding out) and then blending them together to read words. They will be introduced to their first set of tricky words (I, no, go, to, the) and begin writing some very simple captions.

**Maths** – We will be focussing on learning all about numbers to 5. We will look at the number formation and explore all the ways in which these numbers can be represented. We will break them down and learn number bonds to 5 and explore numbers 1 more/less to 5.

**Understanding the World** – This half term is all about celebration. We will explore a range of different festivals that are celebrated all around the world and look at ones that we celebrate in our own lives. We will talk about our own experiences and discuss how we celebrate. We will look at the season of 'Winter' and identify the different signs of the season.

**Expressive Art & Design** – The children will look at colour mixing. We will explore mixing primary colours initially and then progress onto mixing secondary colours. The children will be creating some drawings and paintings from observation and applying their colour mixing knowledge to this. We will also explore and recreate some of our own artwork based on the work of the artist Jackson Pollock.

### Reminders

- Reception children benefit greatly from reading every day at home. Ten minutes a night can have a significant impact on the development of your child in reading. Please can you ensure that you sign and comment in your child's yellow reading record each time you have read with them. Feedback is greatly important for the teacher and children also receive Reading Raffle stamps for every adult signature in their Reading Record.
- Homework will be available on our eSchools learning platform. Homework can be completed on eSchools, by uploading a photograph **or** on paper and sent back into school.
- PE kit is to be left in school and will be returned for washing on the last day of each half term.

### Our Commando Joe Character Values

