



Reception Autumn 2 Curriculum Newsletter



Dear Parent / Carer,

We are very pleased with how well the children have settled into Wyvern. The children have made lovely friendships, gotten used to the routines in school, and have begun their learning journeys at Wyvern. The children are now having daily Read Write Inc lessons. They are also having Maths, Literacy and Handwriting inputs almost everyday. Our topics this half term are Bonfire Night, Fairy Tales, Jolly Postman and Christmas.

Subject Overviews

Writing

The children will practise writing during our topic related Literacy sessions. We will practise retelling stories using story telling language as well as acting out Fairy Tales. We will practise writing and mark making through our independent learning using the letter sounds we have learned in Read Write Inc. Children will begin to Fred talk short words to spell them and we will begin to attempt writing sentences by the end of the term. During week 2 we will assess children in Read Write Inc. and then group them according to their next steps. The children will continue to practise writing their name and using the correct pencil grip during our handwriting sessions.

Reading

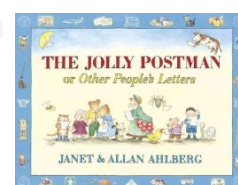
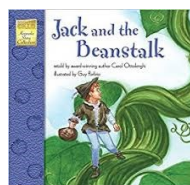
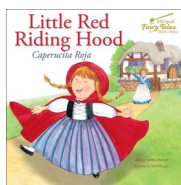
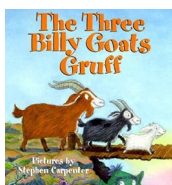
Children have been introduced to most of the single letter sounds during our Read Write Inc sessions. After half term they will learn about special friends including "th", "ch", "qu", "ng", and "nk". Children are now bringing reading books home and are very excited to share these with you at home. Please ask us in the morning if you wish for your child to change their books and we will help them do this during the day. Please encourage your children to Fred Talk unfamiliar words and to use their pointing and sliding finger to read words.

Maths

Throughout this half term in Maths, we will count to 20 and beyond and recognise numbers from 0-20. We will also name and describe 2D shapes and introduce the children to the basic 3D shapes. Children will estimate how many objects they can see and then check by counting the objects. They will use positional language when describing where an object is. The children will have the opportunity to access activities throughout the weeks and consolidate skills they have learned in their Maths lessons.

Topic

This half term we will learn about Bonfire night. We will look at how and why we celebrate this holiday. We will consider the historical events that occurred during this time. We will also read Fairy tales as our topic this half term. Children will practise retelling and sequencing these familiar stories. We will be looking at how the stories are structured and will be encouraging the children to act out and talk about their favourite parts. Following Fairy Tales The Jolly Postman will be our topic where we will see many of the Fairy Tale characters featured. Finally we will learn about the Story of Christmas and talk about Family celebrations.



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Personal Social and Emotional

The children will think about what they enjoy and talk about their strengths. They will practise following the Golden Rules and earning community coins for being kind and helpful.

Communication and Language

This half term the children will retell Fairy Tales and use dress up and use imaginative language to act out scenes from the fairy tales that they learn. They will continue to listen carefully to instructions and listen attentively in small and large groups.

Physical Development

Children will practise writing letter sounds using the correct letter formation. Our children have been learning and practising the animal poses during our handwriting lessons. In our weekly PE sessions, this half term, we will be learning gymnastic poses. Ask your child what they have been doing in gymnastics every Monday after school. Hopefully they will become more flexible gymnasts.

Music

In Music, our focus will be on high and low pitch. Using the topic "Fairy Tales" and other well know stories we will perform raps using high and low vocal and instruments sounds. We will practise for our Christmas performance as well.

Understanding the World

Children will investigate shape, balance and weight They will be encouraged to make predictions and record their observations. We will investigate changes including growth and decay by making shrunken apple heads. Children will make predictions about what will happen and observe the changes over-time. In addition, we will investigate light Bonfire night using our dark tent.

ICT

This half term the children will be using Ipads to complete a simple programme related to our topic. For example, children will be using the paint computer programme to create a beanstalk. Children will be using cameras to take photographs of each other dressed up in character. Finally the children will be learning to operate CD players to listen to songs and stories related to our topic.

Expressive Arts and Design

Children will explore colour mixing using different media to create art. They will use props in their role play linked to our topic. Children will act out narratives through our Fairy Tales topic .

Parent Reminder. We require your child to bring in their full PE kit at the beginning of the half term and it will be sent home after the last session of PE for the half term to be washed. The PE kits will need to be returned on the first day of the following half term. **FS2 have PE every Wednesday.**

Homework

Reading - Children will be bringing home their reading records with words to practice and a reading book to share with you. Please write in the reading record when you read at home with your children.

Maths- Practise counting objects and actions to 10 and beyond. Make sure children count accurately. Practise ordering objects according to height, weight and length.

Topic-

Bonfire Night– Ask children to make a firework picture. What could you use for the fireworks. Be as creative as you like.

Fairy Tales- Read Fairy Tales with your children. Ask them to retell the story in their own words using story telling language.

Christmas– Ask children to create their own Christmas decoration. Ask the children for their design suggestions and to think about what they will need to create their decoration

Upcoming Events
To be announced