

## Reception: Autumn 2: Potions and Spells



Dear Parents,

Here are some of the activities we will be covering in Reception this half-term. This overview does not include everything that we will be doing, as many of our topics will be child-initiated, but hopefully, it will give you an insight into some of the learning which will be taking place. Learning will take place inside and outside of the classroom and through community opportunities such as visits to the church and shops.

Thank you for your continued support with the £1 weekly fund donation. As well as a snack, last half term's money received covered the cost of renewing some of our outdoor construction toys. Thank you from myself, Mrs Hall and the children.

### Physical Development

During PE this half term we will be working on developing our core. We will be experimenting with a variety of movement techniques.

During our RWI sessions, we will be practising our letter formation and fine motor skills. We will continue to develop our writing skills through our topic work.

### Communication and Language

Through circle time and our play, we will continue to develop our speaking and listening skills. We will be studying the autumnal changes which will help us to communicate about the world in which we live.

We will be enjoying stories relating to our topic which will develop our listening skills and encourage us to explore new vocabulary.

### Personal Social and Emotional

#### Development

Following the children's interests, our circle time this half term will relate to our topic 'Potions and Spells' we will create kind spells and spells to help one another which hopefully will encourage kindness within the classroom.

We will be encouraging the children to speak confidently within small groups whilst valuing the contribution from their peers.

### Mathematics

In Maths we will continue practising counting forwards from a given number. We will be learning to recognise numerals and we will be beginning to represent numbers. We will continue to use the language more and fewer during teaching time and throughout our play.

Throughout the term, we will be learning the names of 2D shapes and then identifying these within the environment. We will be learning basic terms to describe the shapes. Within our play, we will experiment with different shapes to build models and make patterns. We will be looking at length and beginning to order items by size.



### Expressive Arts and Design

We will enjoy learning all about colour and design from our 'Potions and Spells' topic. We will be creating our very own magic wands using natural materials found in the outdoor area.

In the junk model area, we will be using our imagination to create some interesting models whilst exploring different textures and designs.

### Understanding the World

We will be looking closely at the autumnal changes that are occurring.

Through our autumnal stories, we will be learning about the changes that are occurring around the world. We will look at the changes in the weather and study animals and hibernation. In our RE we will be studying the Jewish celebration 'Shabbat' and then we will enjoy learning about the Christmas story.

### Literacy

This half term we will begin with reading 'Room on the Broom' by Julia Donaldson. We will be helping the witch to rebuild her broom through creating written spells and drawings. Read Write Inc. sessions will continue where the children will continue to learn new sounds and will be beginning to blend sounds to read words.

We will be mark making, including the letters that we have learnt in our phonics sessions. We will be continuing to practise writing our name and all of the sounds previously taught whilst forming each letter correctly.