

EYFS  
Autumn 1

# Curriculum Newsletter



Important Dates:

Inset days:

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November

## Literacy:

In Literacy this half term, the children will be introduced to phonics, following our Read Write Inc. phonics scheme. They will begin to start recognising initial sounds in a fun and interactive way. We'll be exploring rhyme and alliteration through story times, library sessions, nursery rhymes, and games.

This term, the children will be learning to write their names using their new personalised name cards, which they can copy or trace to build confidence.

We'll be supporting them in developing a comfortable pencil grip and introducing correct letter formation through fun and practical activities. As they grow more confident, they'll begin writing initial sounds, laying the foundation for their early writing journey.

## Mathematics:

The children will practise recognising small quantities instantly without counting also known as subitising.

We'll explore accurate counting strategies and begin to understand how numbers are built from ones.

We will look at number composition on how numbers like 3 and 4 are made up of smaller parts (e.g., how two and one make three).

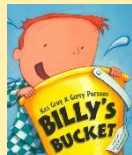
We'll encourage children to compare groups of objects visually, developing their ability to estimate and reason.

Children will begin using terms like more than and fewer than to describe and compare quantities.

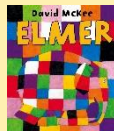
## Communication and Language:

Our Talk Through Stories texts builds on the children's vocabulary and ability to talk about characters and events from familiar stories. Our texts for this half term will be:

Billy's Bucket



Elmer



We're Going on a Bear Hunt



## Expressive Arts and Design:

This term, children will be learning how to use our creative areas with confidence, exploring a variety of materials such as paint, pastels, and chalk. They'll also begin learning how to join materials together using tools like tape and glue. The children will enjoy singing, creating, and performing with instruments. They'll explore dynamics (loud, quiet, silence) and tempo (fast and slow sounds), helping them develop listening skills and musical awareness.

## Understanding the world:

This half term, children will explore the changes that come with Autumn, noticing seasonal shifts in nature and weather. They'll also reflect on past and present events in their lives and talk about their families and communities, helping them build a sense of identity and belonging.

## Personal, Social and Emotional Development:

This half term, we'll be focusing on New Beginnings, helping children settle into routines and understand class rules. They'll be encouraged to see themselves as valuable individuals and begin exploring the theme **Being Me in My World**. We'll also support them in building positive relationships with others through play, discussion, and shared experiences.

## Physical Development:

In PE this half term, children will be introduced to our PE expectations and routines. They'll have plenty of opportunities to strengthen their gross motor skills through outdoor play, Forest School and using the adventure playground. In the mornings, we'll also be supporting their fine motor development with fun and engaging funky finger activities.