

Class 1 Autumn Term Newsletter

In the Foundation Stage the curriculum is divided into six areas and listed below are some of the activities we shall be covering in each area.

Communication, Language and Literacy

We shall be learning to read and write each letter of the alphabet. We will then use them to build up simple three letter words in order to read them, and then break them down in order to write them. By the end of term your child should be able to identify and write down the first sound in most words and sight read a few simple words. In addition we shall be enjoying books together and boosting confidence in speaking to the class and also listening carefully to what is said.

Mathematical development and problem solving

Everyone should be able to read, write and order numbers to at least 10. We will practise accurate counting of objects and begin to understand the concepts of more and less than. Your child will experience activities involving simple weighing, measuring, sorting and develop their understanding of the passing of time.

Understanding of the world

Our topic this term is called ***Food Glorious Food***, and within that we shall be learning more about the world we live in and the kinds of food we eat and cook. We intend to have many practical activities and tasting sessions.

Mrs Forshaw teaches Forest Schools activities on Thursday afternoons and children learn to explore their local environment through use of the school grounds and the outdoor classroom.

Physical development

This term children will become more adept at dressing and undressing (for PE!) and during the lessons they will develop more fully a sense of their own space and that of others. They will practise using their bodies in a number of ways; through dance, gymnastics and athletics and they will have the opportunities to use a variety of equipment through fun activities and games. They will begin to learn about keeping healthy through exercise and a good diet. In the classroom they will become more skilled at using tools including the sellotape dispenser, scissors, cutters, rulers and various construction kits.

Expressive Arts and Design

Children will be able to use a variety of media; paints, collage materials, pastels, chalks etc to create a range of pictures and patterns. In both directed and non-directed activities they will be encouraged to talk about and reflect on what they have done. In music sessions they will join in with simple songs and rhymes, they will play percussion and copy and tap out simple rhythms. This will culminate in their participation in the Christmas production. Every day there will be opportunities for your child to be imaginative and engage in a range of role play activities

Personal, Social and Emotional development

We hope that children will settle well at Crayke school and be able to make the most of their Foundation Stage year. We shall encourage them to make good relationships with both children and adults and to be able to sort out any differences they have in a peaceable way. We will help them to become good listeners and learners and motivate them through providing a wide range of activities from which they can choose. We shall encourage them to do their best at all times and to look after their classroom and school.