

General Information

Our children in Reception class will be bringing home reading books and activity sheets to support their learning at home. Please make sure these are returned to school each day and placed in their own book bags. Children will bring home decodable phonic books linked to their RWInc stage. Please encourage children to use their phonic skills when reading these books at home. We will also visit the library each week and children will choose a book to bring home. Please share these books together.

In order for children to progress confidently with their reading it is important that daily reading takes place both at school and at home. Please comment in your child's reading diary so we can see how they are doing. Books will be changed weekly and children will read to an adult in school.

The Foundation Stage Curriculum has 7 areas of learning which are Personal and Social Development, Physical Development, Communication and Language, Literacy, Mathematics, Understanding the World and Expressive Arts and Design.

We welcome and value contributions from home. Please send into school any photographs showing out of school interests or achievements. Please also bring into school any certificates or trophies. We are always keen to see what other interests and skills our children have.

Any Junk boxes or materials that you wish to recycle will be very much appreciated by us, as we use it in our creative area for making amazing models.

Our P.E. day is Friday. Please make sure your child has their kit in school on these days. Could we please ask that any long hair is tied up and that ear rings are removed or covered.

We kindly ask for a contribution from parents of £3:00 per half term to cover the cost of daily morning toast and snacks.

Please speak to a member of staff if you have any questions or concerns. Thank -you so much for your support. We are looking forward to an exciting and busy year ahead.

Reception Class

Autumn Term Overview



Ladywood

Primary School

**Mrs McQuillan, Miss Marriott
and Mrs Musca**

A very warm welcome to the Autumn Term. We are looking forward to an exciting and busy term.

The Autumn term is a very exciting and busy time. Our main topics will be 'All About Me', 'Autumn' and 'Woodland Animals'. Here is a brief summary of some of the activities we will be doing.

In **Literacy** we will be learning how to recognise and write our own name, words and simple labels. We will be writing in all our areas in order to explore the different purposes of writing. We will learn how to hold a pencil using the correct grip and how to form letters using the correct sequence of movements.

We will be doing lots of reading and talking about stories. We will be promoting a love of books and stories through a range of activities.

We will now learn new sounds in our daily Read Write Inc. lesson. We will also be learning how to blend sounds together to make words and how to spell words with the sounds taught. Children will be bringing home books to practise their reading at home which match their phonic level and ability.

In **Mathematics** we will be using a variety of number rhymes, stories and props to develop understanding of number and counting. Children will use a variety of resources to help them count and recognise numbers.

We will use our environment to explore number patterns and shapes. We will be naming both 2D shapes and 3D shapes and will be discussing their properties. We will enjoy making pictures and models using different shapes.

In **Understanding of the World** we will be exploring different places and cultures. We like to follow the interests of children and continually try to provide experiences which are engaging and informative. We will be talking about the similarities between ourselves and others.

We will be talking about seasonal changes and observing what happens in our local area as the seasons change. We will be naming and describing the animals that live in the woodlands.

We will name the different planets in our solar system. We will discuss the features of Earth and how we can care for our planet.

In **Personal, Social and Emotional Development** we will be developing our speaking and listening skills.

We will be learning about our classroom rules and how rules help to keep us all safe. We will learn how to be a good friend and how to play nicely with others. We will be learning how to share and take turns.

We will also be developing our independence skills and our ability to focus on a task for extended periods of time.

Our topics this half term are...

All About Me
Autumn and Woodland
Animals

In **Expressive Arts and Design** we will be drawing and painting scenes from different stories. We will be using lots of different media to create our own models and pictures.

We will use music, dance and stories to enrich our imaginations.

We will be applying our creative skills in a variety of activities using a wide range of media.

In **Physical Development** we will be using lots of equipment to develop our gross motor skills i.e. balls, hoops, balancing beams etc. We will also be using pencils, scissors etc. to develop fine motor skills.

We have a P.E. lesson on a Friday. Our focus will be on Gymnastics and Dance this half term.

Please make sure your child has their P.E. kit in school on this day.

In **Communication and Language** we will be working on our speaking and listening skills through circle times, whole class discussions and small group conversations. We will learn how to keep a conversation going by using back and forth exchanges. We will learn how to use questions in order to acquire more information.

We will be using extended language and vocabulary in conversations with others. New vocabulary will be taught and modelled each day in order to help children learn the meanings of new words. We will also be learning new words by listening to stories and joining in with class discussions. New vocabulary will be revisited in order to commit new words to memory.

Children will know more and remember more.

Social, Moral, Spiritual and Cultural
Children will be encouraged to respect one another and property. Children will be made aware of school rules and expectations. We will listen to others and show care for the feelings of others. We will find out about the diverse world we live in.

We will learn that we have different thoughts, ideas and opinions to others and how to respect these.