



Commonswood Nursery and Primary School

Autumn Term in Reception

Dates to remember

22.10.24: Learning Review Meeting

24.10.24: Learning Review Meeting

Half Term: 28.10.24 - 01.10.24

Christmas Performance: 11.12.24 at 9:15am

School closes for Christmas: 19.12.24

Emotions of the term: Fear

Literacy: Reading

We will begin 'Talk for Writing' this term. We will introduce the children to two different stories: 'The Little Red Hen' and 'The Gingerbread Man!'

The children will learn 'actions' to help them verbally retell the story. We will also encourage the children to draw and write about the characters in the stories.

Later in the term, the children will be bringing home story sacks to practice the retelling of these stories at home.



Literacy: Writing

Our initial focus will be to write their names correctly. This will include encouraging children to form each letter correctly:

For example, the letter 'm' should start from the top and not the bottom.

As the term progresses, the children will learn to write graphemes, short words and phrases. They will use their phonic knowledge to help them with this.

Grapheme mats will be sent home once we have learnt all of the graphemes.



Phonics

We will learn new graphemes weekly:

s a t p i n m d g o c k c k e u r h b f l f f ll

j v w x y z qu ch sh th ng nk

They will also learn these tricky words this term:

is, I, the, put, pull, full, as, and has, his, her, go, no, to, into, she, push, he, of, we, me, be.

Home learning sheets will be sent home weekly for children to consolidate their learning at home.



Physical Development

We will be developing the children's fine motor and gross motor skills.

In PE, the children will learn to find a space and travel safely in different ways around the hall. We will also teach children to get changed independently. Please encourage this at home.

We will develop children's fine motor skills through a range of busy finger activities.



Mathematics: Number

We will be learning the key skills that will build upon throughout the year. This will include subitising, where children will recognise a quantity without needing to count it.

They will also learn to count accurately, saying only one number for each item they point to and remembering to stop once they have reached the final item.

We will also begin to compare numbers and quantities.



Mathematics: Shape, Measure and Space

We will describe and compare the length and height of objects using mathematical language such as 'longer', 'longest', 'shorter', 'shortest', 'taller', 'tallest'.

We will also begin to use positional language to describe where an object is in relation to other objects. For example: 'in', 'behind', 'next to', 'in front of'...



Communication and Language

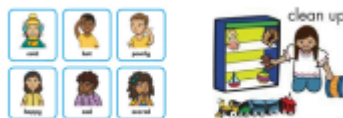
We will be practicing our listening skills in one to one conversations, small groups and whole class time. This will involve listening games and sharing stories. We will also be learning lots of new vocabulary related to our Wanderlust learning and Talk for Writing texts.



Personal Social and Emotional Development

We will be learning our class rules and routines. The children will be forming relationships with other children and staff in their class.

We will introduce circle time where we will discuss 'ourselves', 'our families' and celebrate our differences.



Wanderlust

We will introduce the forest school and how we need to take care of it, as well as stay safe while visiting. We will be looking for signs of Autumn as well as learning about spiders, bonfires, the pond, and much more!



Understanding the World

We will learn about each other's families and discuss similarities and differences. We will also be learning about different religious celebrations such as Diwali, Hannukah and Christmas.



Expressive Arts and Design

We will learn to use our creative tables and creative resources in the classroom. We will also develop our story telling skills through role play and artwork.



Reminders:

- PE kits should arrive in school on a Monday and will be sent home on a Friday.
- Reading books need to be in the children's bookbags **everyday**. Reading groups and days are subject to change.
- We thank you for consistently ensuring children's homework is uploaded on time. This helps the children to consolidate their learning and boost their confidence when they are able to share their learning with the class.

