



Year 1

Autumn 1st half term curriculum letter

Topic- Sound

Personal Development; Your child will think about their own and others feelings and talk about how different sounds can effect our mood. The children will take a walk around the school to find sounds that make them happy and relaxed. They will participate in a range of activities that will help their ability to concentrate and listen eg playing listening and sharing games. The children will be reminded about the school and the class rules (known as the Golden Rules). They will be praised for following these rules and they will learn about why we have these rules and how they keep the children in the school safe. Towards the latter part of the half term your child will learn about the Harvest Festival.

Literacy; Your child will revise the letter sounds, approximately four letters each week. They will practise these letter sounds regularly and they will develop their ability to hear the sounds at the beginning, middle and end of simple words. Your child will learn how to form these letters correctly, improving their pencil control. I will be focusing on developing your child's ability to plan and then write a simple sentence using full stops correctly. All Year 1 children will have spelling homework. They will receive their spellings on a Tuesday and will then be tested on the following Monday. If they beat their previous week's score they will receive a sticker. Your child will listen to lots of stories and they will practise sequencing the events that made up the story and they will retell them using props and puppets. They will learn about the features of a book, such as the author, illustrator and front and back covers.

Numeracy; Your child will participate in a range of fun activities that will secure their recognition and the value of numbers up to 20. They will learn to recognise these numbers out of sequence and then how to put them into sequence. They will match quantities to numerals and learn how to find 1 more or less than a number up to 10. They will be taught how to add two or three quantities together to find the answer to an addition problem and reinforce their ability to add numbers to 10 using their fingers. Your child will also develop their understanding of subtraction using counting aids to support them in their calculations.

Knowledge and understanding of the world; Your child will help the new Reception children to find their way around the school. They will share their feelings about the different places they have visited and discuss which places are their favourite and why. The children will think about how we make sounds with our voices and conduct simple experiments to test their ideas. They will extend their knowledge by talking about sources of sound and what happens to a sound when you are a further away. Your child will use the computers in the classroom and the ICT suite and they will learn how to use the tape and CD player to listen to spoken stories.

PE; This half term your child will learn and play a range of games that will help them to improve their spacial awareness and requires them to listen carefully and follow instructions. They will also learn a range of gymnastic skills.

Creative development; The role play area will be a music shop. Your child will be encouraged to engage in imaginative play, cooperating and sharing with their peers. They will paint pictures and make their own musical instruments. The focus of their work will be to develop and improve their fine motor control.

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs S Ruffett