

September/October in Year 1

The World Around Us

Our theme will be 'A Time to Rhyme'. Through our nursery rhymes we will be looking at where wool comes from, sorting materials and sorting items for living and not living.

Towards the end of October we will look at the seasonal changes in Autumn, explore colours and textures and enjoy the build-up to Hallowe'en.

We would encourage you to take your child for an Autumn walk, collect some leaves and look at their colours and shapes. Allow your child to help out at laundry time and talk to them about items that have been made from wool/not wool (e.g. denim).



The Arts

We have been encouraging the children to think about the colours they use when drawing and painting. When your child is drawing their picture for shared reading please sit with them and encourage them to think about the colours they are choosing and the shapes they are drawing.

Personal Development

We will be learning about ourselves and our families. Independence targets: practise taking off and putting on shoes, sweatshirts and coats. Please remind children to pull out the sleeves of their coat after taking it off in preparation for the next time they put it on.

Practise opening and closing school bags.

Remind your child of the importance of caring for their body and keeping healthy.

Remember to bring **water - NOT JUICE** (in a named bottle).

Language and Literacy

Syllables: Encourage your child to clap out the syllables in their own name and other family members.

Key words: a, and, dad, is, it, mum, no, yes.

Oxford Reading Tree Character names - Kipper, Biff, Chip, Floppy, Mum, Dad.

Rhyme: Recite familiar nursery rhymes at home, e.g. Baa Baa Black Sheep, Humpty Dumpty and Hickory Dickory Dock.

Encourage your child to look around their home to find two objects that rhyme e.g. car and star. (We will be asking for these to be brought into school at a later date),

We will be learning Autumn and Hallowe'en songs and rhymes and reading lots of stories on these topics.

A useful website that we use in class:

www.cbeebies.co.uk



Number

We will be focusing on reading the numbers up to ten, so please use the numbers you have been provided with at least twice a week.

Practise counting items in the house and ask your child "how many?" to help them understand that this phrase asks us to count.

Discuss the weather and days of the week.

Let your child help you sort the weekly shopping, laundry, cutlery, their toys etc. discuss what makes items the same (colour, size etc.).



Physical Development

Remember the importance of keeping fit. Encourage your child to have at least fifteen minutes of outdoor play each day. We will be focusing on balance during physical play this term. Remind children to keep their body and head straight and upright and encourage them to use their arms to help them stay still and steady.

Home Learning Tips

We will be using scissors for cutting in many of our activities. You could help by encouraging your child to use scissors e.g. cutting pictures out of magazines or catalogues. Having good control with scissors helps children with their writing.



REMINDERS - School photographs will be taken on 26th & 27th September
Flu vaccinations will be administered on 5th October



Half Term Holidays - School is closed Week beginning Monday 30th October. School will reopen on Monday 6th November.