

Curriculum Newsletter

Class: 4- Swans Term: Autumn 1



Our topic this term is Awesome Autumn which focuses on seasonal changes and observing how the world around us changes during the season of Autumn.



This half-term, we are exploring poetry. Our key text is a poem called Autumn Senses.

MY COMMUNICATION



In our weekly reading session, we will be exploring our text – Autumn senses poem, using our senses to explore autumnal objects, sounds and smells. We will practise our mark making, fine motor skills, letter and word writing in our Move Draw Write sessions. We have sensory sounds or Read, Write, Inc. phonics three times a week– some learners will be exploring blending sounds to read words. We will continue to work on our individual communication targets throughout the school day.

MY THINKING AND PROBLEM SOLVING



In our maths sessions, we are developing our counting skills linked to our individual maths targets. We will also be learning about measurement, including length, weight and capacity through practical application and exploration activities. Our science work will link to the Awesome Autumn topic of seasonal changes. We will be exploring Autumnal objects and going on local walks to collect Autumnal objects such as leaves, conkers and acorns.

MY PSED



In our PE sessions we will be developing our physical competence through participating in sensory circuit sessions and playing as a team in throwing and catching games. On Tuesday mornings we are going to take it in turns (on a three week cycle) to access Captain Jack's Play Area, PSHE lessons and Careers lessons. In PSHE sessions this term we will be exploring what friendship is and what our friends like and dislike. In our careers sessions we will be exploring the job role of a chef through role play activities.

MY CREATIVITY



In our Art and DT sessions this half-term, we are using different tools and media to create Autumnal artwork. This will include using sponges to print leaf shapes and collecting leaves to then sketch over to create leaf printings. Our main focus in art this half-term is to communicate our choices using objects, symbols or words. In our cooking sessions we are working on following a recipe and naming ingredients. Each week we will be making leaf-shaped biscuits, with a different seasonal flavouring in each week, such as honey and cinnamon.

THE WORLD ABOUT ME



We learn about this area of the curriculum through our Friday Theme Days:

- 8th September – National Read a Book Day
- 15th September – Friendships and Respectful Relationships
- 22nd September - Using Technology to Communicate and Online Safety
- 29th September - European Day of Languages
- 6th Oct - RE Day: Our Community Harvest Festival
- 13th Oct - World Food Day
- 20th Oct - Geography Topic - Awesome Autumn

OTHER INFORMATION



We have PE lessons on a Monday morning.

On Tuesday mornings (3 week cycle) we will visit Captain Jack's Play Centre – please check your letter with the dates.

On a Friday lunchtime, we join our peers for lunch in the hall.

Please keep an eye out for notes in the diaries for personal care equipment which we need in school.