Nacton C of E Primary School

Half Termly Newsletter

Reception – Autumn one

Dear families,
Welcome to our lovely Hedgehog children and their families, we are so impressed with how well the children have settled into the daily routine of school and became a part of school life with ease.
Below you will find an overview of our curriculum this half term and what we will be learning in each subject. If you have any questions, please do come and speak to your class teacher.
The children have their own Tapestry account with the parent's emails linked, on there you will find home learning activities and requests such as a family photo as we progress through the term. We would like to thank you for your continued support and engagement with your child's learning.
Team Nacton

Literacy

Activities in our literacy sessions include:

- New beginnings- starting school.
- Exploring our topic 'Marvellous Me'.
- Discussing what makes me, me.
- How I have changed.
- My family- Who is in my family what makes them special.

Phonics

In Phonics we will be learning our Phase 2 graphemes:
s, a, t, p, i, n, m, d, g, o, c, k, ck, e, u, r, h, b, f, l

Tricky words: is, I, the

Maths

Our maths work this term will focus on:

- Matching and sorting objects.
- Comparing size, mass and capacity.
- Exploring patterns.
- Numbers 1, 2 and 3 including:
  - one more one less
  - subitising
  - composition of each number

Communication & Language

Our focus in Communication and language is on developing and using our story telling language and new vocabulary we have learnt through:

- Small world
- Story puppets
- Role play

As well as developing our questioning skills by asking questions to find out about others and their likes and dislikes.

Understanding the World

In our Understanding the World sessions we will be finding out:

- Talk about members of our family and community.
- Name and describe people who are familiar to them.
- Looking at our local area and where we live.
- Observe the seasonal changes.

Expressive Arts and Design

In our art sessions we will be exploring painting and collage and how to use different techniques for effect.

In our music lessons will be beginning with exploring sounds and building a repertoire of songs.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

The children will be focusing on building relationships with their peers and adults within the school.

We will be having lots of discussion about how each child is individual and unique.

In our RE sessions will be thinking about why is 'God' so important to Christians?		
Physical Development PE this half term includes Developing gross motor skills through use of large play toys including trike. Our fine motor skills work is focusing on building the muscles in our hands, to support with future writing. Activities such as: • Threading • Nuts and bolts • Stamps • Dough disco • Zips and buttons This half term the children will also be practicing putting on their coats. By supporting them to independently fasten up their zips. and buttons will ensure independence and will really work on their fine motor skills.	Online Safety Children will learn that both online or offline anyone can say 'no' - 'please stop' - 'I'll tell' - 'I'll ask' to somebody who makes them feel sad, uncomfortable, embarrassed or upset.	

Important dates:	Home learning expectations:
4th October: Harvest service. 8th/10th October: Autumn term parent consultations. 25th October- PD day- school closed.	- Daily grapheme card practice. - Read at home at least 4 times a week and record this in their reading diaries (please ensure books and reading diaries are in their bags daily as we will listen to your child read during the week. Books are also changed on a Friday). - Support your children with their story sack to promote good oracy skills, these will be sent home on a Friday and to be returned on a Monday. Please upload your child telling their story to Tapestry for them to share with their class.