




Thursday 5th November 2020

Dear Parents / Carers,

We are writing to share with you an overview of the learning opportunities that your child will be experiencing in the second half of the autumn term in Early Years.

Our topics this half term are 'Autumn, Winter, Colours and Christmas'.

<p>Personal, Social and Emotional Development</p> 	<p>Teachers will be continuing with daily classroom routines that the children will be able to anticipate. We will be maintaining the clear boundaries and expectations in the classroom and in the outside environment, talking about classroom rules and why they are important.</p> <p>Teachers will be helping children to negotiate and solve problems amongst themselves for example when sharing resources, taking turns and making a compromise.</p>
<p>Communication and Language Development</p> 	<p>Children will be listening to, and joining in with, stories read by adults in their classroom every day.</p> <p>We will be exploring, and developing, language and vocabulary through everyday play and new topics and themes.</p> <p>We will be encouraging children to listen and respond to ideas expressed by others in a conversation.</p>
<p>Physical Development</p> 	<p>Children will be able to play and explore in the outside environment each day, running, climbing, digging, using the bikes and scooters etc.</p> <p>We will be encouraging the children to develop hand eye coordination by using scissors, paintbrushes and other tools.</p> <p>We will encourage the children to become more independent when putting on and taking off jumpers, coats and wellies.</p>
<p>Literacy Reading and writing</p> 	<p>Children will be encouraged to share and enjoy stories and books with each other as well as having lots of opportunities to write, draw and paint.</p> <p>Reception children will begin to learn, recognise and write the letters g,o,c,k,e,u,r,h,b,l and f as well as remembering the letters they learnt last half term. They will learn the actions and sounds for these letters.</p> <p>Reception children will also be reading stories about Kipper and his family in our Oxford Reading Scheme books which they will bring home each week.</p>

<p style="text-align: center;">Mathematics Development</p> 	<p>Children will be encouraged to use numbers in familiar contexts. They will be recognising and comparing sets of objects and then learning to find one more/less up to 5 and beyond as well as counting groups of objects up to 10 and beyond.</p> <p>The children will talk about combining groups as they get to grips with 'How many altogether?' as we compare our groups of objects. We will look at how to use +, - and = within simple calculations as well.</p> <p>Children will explore shapes.</p> <p>Children will start to use everyday language in relation to time, talking about key points of the day as well as looking at money and identifying 1p, 2p and 5ps.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Understanding the World</p> 	<p>As part of our Autumn and Winter topic the children will be finding out about seasonal changes and the world around us. Teachers will be encouraging children to ask questions about the natural world.</p> <p>As part of our Christmas celebrations children will be learning about the Christmas story.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Expressive Arts and Design</p> 	<p>Children will have lots of opportunities to explore the creative areas of the classroom using materials such as paints, clay, playdough, chalks and crayons.</p> <p>We will be encouraging children to join in with familiar classroom songs and nursery rhymes.</p> <p>Children will have opportunity to be imaginative within role play, in the home area.</p>

Homework activities this half term

Nursery and Reception.

Please share books with your child from the classroom, from home and from the school library every day. Sing familiar songs and have lots of time to play games together.

Please remember that your child's book bag and water bottle should be in school every day. Please ensure that all of your child's belongings are clearly labelled.

At Castle Park School we value the important partnership between home and school; please use the information above to support your child with their learning over the coming weeks and share home learning on Tapestry.

If you have any questions about any of this information, please feel free to contact us via ClassDojo.

Thank you.

The Early Years Team