



Parkfield Primary School

# Curriculum Newsletter

## Term: Autumn 2

### Early Years

### Helpful information for this half term:

#### Reception

- We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our families for working with our Reception team to ensure the best for the children.
- Children must bring their **red** library bag every **Thursday**.
- Please encourage children to dress and undress by themselves, **especially their coats**. All children should have spare clothes including underwear, socks, and vests that stay at school in case of any accidents. Please ensure that all items are labelled with your child's name.
- Please can you make every effort to attend school on time each day. The gates open at 8:45am each morning.

#### Nursery & 2 Year Olds

- We would like to welcome our new children and families to our Nursery. We are looking forward to working with you.
- Please encourage children to dress and undress by themselves, especially their coats. All children should have spare clothes including underwear, socks, and vests that stay at the nursery in case of any accidents. Please ensure that all items are labelled with your child's name.
- Please can you make every effort to attend school on time. Nursery doors open at 8.45am (morning session) and 12.30pm (afternoon session).

#### Reception



Our topic for this half term is 'Let's Eat'. We will be exploring lots of different cuisine from around the world. The children will be given the opportunity to develop their wider understanding of the world around them. The children will also learn about how to safely handle cooking equipment. Towards the end of the topic we will be inviting our families in to sample our hard work in the Reception Restaurant! This term we will also incorporate the learning of special occasions that happen around this time of year, including Bonfire Night, Remembrance Day, Diwali and Christmas.



Our maths learning for this half term will be all about counting and using numbers to 5 as well as finding one more and one less. We will also explore some 2D shapes and positional language.

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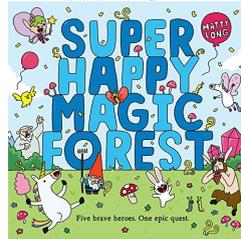
We will be continuing to teach the children Phase 2 sounds in Phonics.

Please continue to practice name writing with your children at home and reinforce our learning.

If you have anything of interest that may help with the children's learning then please share this with the Reception team. Thank you.

#### Nursery

Our topic for this half term is 'Magical and Wonderful'. Our learning will start off around the story 'Super Happy Magic Forest'. The children will learn about all things magical and wonderful such as unicorns, heroes and fairies. We will then follow the children's interests and let them guide the direction of their learning. We will also be learning about the different celebrations/festivals that are coming up such as Bonfire Night, Diwali and Christmas. Our maths learning this half term will also be linked to our Magical and Wonderful topic, the children will have the opportunity to make magic spells and potions by weighing and measuring different ingredients.



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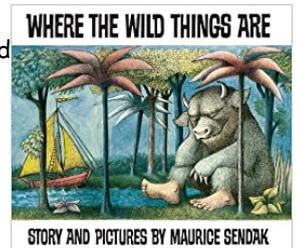
We will also work on recognising numerals, counting to 10, matching quantity to the corresponding numeral and identifying and naming 2D shapes. The children will

continue to develop their fine motor skills through mark making and using tools such as scissors, paint brushes and tweezers. Please reinforce our learning at home. If you have anything of interest that may help with the children's learning then please share this with the Nursery team.

Thank you.

#### 2 Year Olds

Our topic for this half term is 'Magical and Wonderful'. Our learning will start off around the story 'Where The Wild Things Are'. We are also going to be focusing on self care skills such as washing and drying our hands independently, putting on our own coats and toilet training for those children that are ready. Through our maths learning we will be



focusing on numbers 1-5. Being able to count to 5, identifying these in the written form and matching quantities to the correct numeral. We will also be discussing the size of different animals and using vocabulary such as big, small and medium. We are going to be continuing our work on sharing and turn taking. Please reinforce our learning at home. If you have anything of interest that may help with the children's learning then please share this with the Nursery team. Thank you.

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### We need your help...

- Children in our Early Years spend a lot of time in the outdoor area. As the weather is changing, the children must wear a winter coat. Please support your children by practicing doing their zips up and down. Please make sure all items of clothing are labelled with your child's name, this includes hats, scarves and gloves.