

Reception Class - Autumn 1 Newsletter



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Hunwick Primary School. We aim to ensure your child's entry into school will be a smooth and happy one. Please feel free to contact us with any queries that you may have, as times can be arranged after school.

This term, our class will be working hard on developing social skills of playing alongside each other, sharing, and thinking of other people's feelings.

Our topic this term will be 'All About Me!'

Within **Literacy**, children will hear stories and retell these using props to develop their language and communication skills. They will begin to develop their confidence to talk and share ideas and develop an understanding of rhyme and alliteration. They will also be practising oral blending and segmenting sounds in words through practical games. Children are encouraged to practise recognising and writing their name throughout the school day.

In **Mathematics** this term, the children will develop their understanding of number and shape. They will further develop their counting and number skills. They will be encouraged to know 2D shapes and use them to create pictures. Children will have opportunities to talk about patterns and recreate patterns using objects.

Physical Development: This half term's focus is movement, basic gymnastics and playground games. Your child practise and develop skills balance, co-ordination, and team work skills. PE days this term are Thursday and Friday. PE kits are to be left in school and taken home at the end of each half term. Please ensure your **child's name is on all items of clothing**. These need to be in school for **Friday 14th September**.

Within **Expressive Arts and Design (Art/DT)**, your child will enjoy creating art using a wide range of media e.g. paint, collage materials, sand, sticks/stones etc. to create their own art or 3D models. Children will make a selection of Autumn art, where they will have an opportunity to mix colours and talk about their work. Art work will be displayed within the classroom and reception corridors for all the school to enjoy.

Our Understanding of the World:

The World (Science): This half term we will be learning about 'My Body'. The children will be learning about their body and their senses. They will discuss how our bodies move, what different body parts are used for and how to live a healthy lifestyle. Alongside this science focus the children will also learn about the season of Autumn. We will also be learning about 'Harvest' and how the farmer harvests the food. At the end of the half term the children will perform a short Harvest Assembly for parents/carers; this will take place on **Wednesday 17th October at 9am**. More information to follow.



People and Communities (Geography/History): Children will also be talking about themselves and how they are the same and different to others. They will be talking about their family and who is special to them. Children will talk about where they live and how they get to school. Children will discuss their house and the materials it is made from.

Technology (ICT): Children will have opportunities to use the computers, cameras and other ICT devices. Over time your child will develop their ICT skills and will be able to move the mouse with control, navigate through provided websites, select options within software packages, and use a camera and a programmable toy (beebot).

I would be very grateful if you could send into school the following photographs by Friday 14th September:

- a photograph of your child
- your family (including other closer relatives i.e. grandparents)
- your house (if possible)
- your pet (if applicable)



You can help by:

- Sharing regular reading time at home
- Practising counting with your child
- Helping your child to practise writing their name

We would welcome any resources or input you may be able to give to support our class when working on these topics.

Kind regards,

Mrs Round and EYFS Staff