

October Newsletter Year 2.

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Dear Parents.

This is our curriculum content for the month of October.

Language and Literacy.

During this month the children who are ready will begin to work on blends and rhyming word families. For example at, cat, bat. The alphabet book will be ongoing. Please spend time with your child each night reading and saying the alphabet and their associated sounds. Encourage your child to practise writing and making simple sentences with their key words. This will help to build up your child's sight vocabulary thus making them a more confident reader.

Mathematics and Numeracy.

During the month of October the children will be working with numbers within 20.

We will be revising adding on one and two mentally. The children will be using cuisenaire rods and cubes to reinforce number bonds within five.

For example , Story of three- $0+3=3$, $2+1=3$, $1+2=3$ and $3+0=3$

The children will be naming and exploring the properties of 2D and 3D shapes.

During ABL the children will be developing the concept of capacity in our water play.

World Around Us.

Our topic this month is Autumn. We will be going on a sensory Autumn walk to look for changes that occur during this season. In class we will be writing about Autumn and talking about animals and birds hibernating and migrating. We will be looking at fruits locally and from around the world. We will be encouraging the children to taste different fruits. **If your child has any known allergies to certain fruits please inform us immediately.**

The Arts.

Our music this month will focus around the topics of Hallowe'en and Autumn. We will be using instruments and body sounds to compose and perform seasonal music.

In our art the children will be making leaf/fruit prints and wax resist Hallowe'en paintings and scenes .In Activity Based Learning the children will be dramatising Hallowe'en party in the role play corner.

PDMU

During the month of October the children will be discussing the importance of healthy eating. Please encourage your child to bring a healthy break especially on a Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. We will be talking about keeping safe on the roads and the importance of safety during Hallowe'en especially around fireworks.

Physical Development and Movement.

During this month the children will begin creative dance. We will continue to work on ball skills and games which encourage co-operation and teamwork. Weather permitting the children will continue to be involved in outdoor activities.

Religion

This month we will be thanking God for the beauty of Autumn . Our harvest thanksgiving assembly will take place on Wednesday 28th October.

Notes

Peter Pan Theatre Show – Thursday 15th October

Road Safety Show - Thursday 22nd October

Hallowe`en Celebration - Wednesday 28th October. Your child may come to school in fancy dress for the Hallowe`en parade.

Hallowe`en Holidays – School will close on Wednesday 28th October and re-open on Tuesday 3rd November.

All children are encouraged to bring a healthy snack each day. Monday , Tuesday and Thursday are our special healthy eating days.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a happy and safe Hallowe`en holiday.

Mrs Henry Mrs Martin Mrs Donnelly.

