
Year R Newsletter – Autumn 1



Important dates:

24th September – Year R
Jumble Sale. All proceeds
going to new Year R
resources.

Friday 4th October 2024 –
Inset day.

8th & 10th October 2024–
Parent's evening.



Hello Autumn!

We hope you all have had a fantastic summer break. We have really enjoyed getting to know your children and can't wait to see where their school adventures take them next!

Each half term we will have a topic that we base our learning around. Our topic for this half term is All about Me! We are also basing our learning around our favourite nursery rhymes.

Belongings:

Can we please kindly ask that all school items are labelled including:

- Uniform
- PE kit
- Coats
- Book Bags
- Lunch boxes
- Water bottles

This helps us to know whose belongings are whose and reduces the risk of your children losing things.

Water Bottles:

Please ensure you are sending your child in to school with a water bottle every day to either stay in school or take home each afternoon.

P.E:

PE lessons in Year R will take place on **Monday** afternoon. To reduce the loss of changing time, items getting lost (and washing!) please can the children come into school wearing their PE kits on these days. Monday afternoon PE lessons will be taught by our Dance Teacher Miss Ronnie.

Depending on the weather and activity, some PE lessons will take place either in the hall or outside. Please ensure that the children come in a PE kit that is weather appropriate.

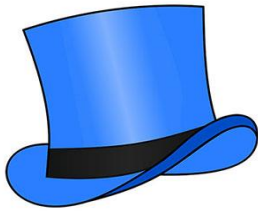
Outdoor learning:

Within the Year R curriculum, we will be taking part in LOTS of outdoor learning, no matter the weather. Please could you send your child in with a pair of labelled welly boots and a puddle suit/waterproof coat and waterproof trousers as soon as possible to stay in school. This ensures that all children will be kept warm and dry when outside and more importantly, they can join in with outdoor fun!

We use a lot of natural loose parts in our play. Any conkers, pine cones, and acorns would be appreciated. Thank you.

Our Learning Journey this half term

Communication and Language	To support with our language development, we will be exploring our thinking hats. These are different coloured hats that encourage us to think about things like how we are feeling, problem solutions and our great ideas. An example of all the hats can be found at the bottom of the newsletter.
Understanding the World	We will be exploring and talking all about ourselves and learning about our new school community.
Physical Development	We have a dance coach come to work with us on Monday afternoons. On a Thursday we take part in a programme called BEAM. We will explore different balances and moves to test our strength and skills.
Maths	In maths, we are going to be learning about different numbers. We will be counting them, making them and finding them in different groups. The number blocks will be coming to give us a hand!
Literacy	In literacy, we will begin our reading and writing journey! We will be learning lots of different letter sounds and building our hand strength through fine motor activities such as play dough and cutting.
Expressive art and design	In expressive art and design we will be exploring role play and music. In our classroom, we can paint and be creative too testing out our own creative ideas.
Personal, social and emotional development	In PSED we use a teaching scheme called Jigsaw. This works through various units of work to encourage us to talk with our teachers and friends in a safe space. This half term we will be talking about friendship.



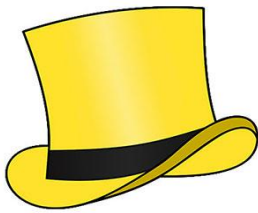
Managing the Thinking Process



Information



Intuition and Feelings



Benefits and Feasibility



Caution, Risks, Problems



Alternatives and Creative Ideas