

Early Years Autumn 2



Do you like Green Eggs and Ham?



Welcome back after your half term break. The children all settled really well last half term and are now fully fledged members of Archibald! We hope that they enjoy their second half term with us just as much as their first. The team will continue to promote the children's independence and support them as they develop their friendships and working relationships with the staff in the unit. As ever, the staff are there if you have any queries or questions.

Here is your curriculum newsletter sharing some of the things we plan to get up to within Early Years in Autumn 2. This booklet will give you an outline of what we hope to cover this half term however, in Early Years, planning can change on a day to day basis to follow the interests of the children so this letter is only a guideline.



They will be exploring Bonfire Night and the story of Guy Fawkes. Over the first week the children have taken part in a range of creative activities, making firework crafts, acting out the story of Guy Fawkes and discussing how to be safe.

Our main topic starting in week 2 will be Do you like Green Eggs and Ham? We will answer this and many other questions inspired by the books of Dr Seuss. We hope to explore rhyme and have lots of fun with words. In week 5 we will begin our preparations for Christmas with a trip to the farm and the arrival of our elves.

The children will continue to take part in PE sessions on a Wednesday (Class 2-Monday). We continue to remove jumpers, socks and shoes. Please make sure that all school uniform is labelled with your child's name to save any confusion on those days as school shoes and jumpers all look the same!

TOP TIP! In Early Years we play outside every day and in all weathers. Please send your child to school with a suitable coat, hat and gloves as the weather has changed.

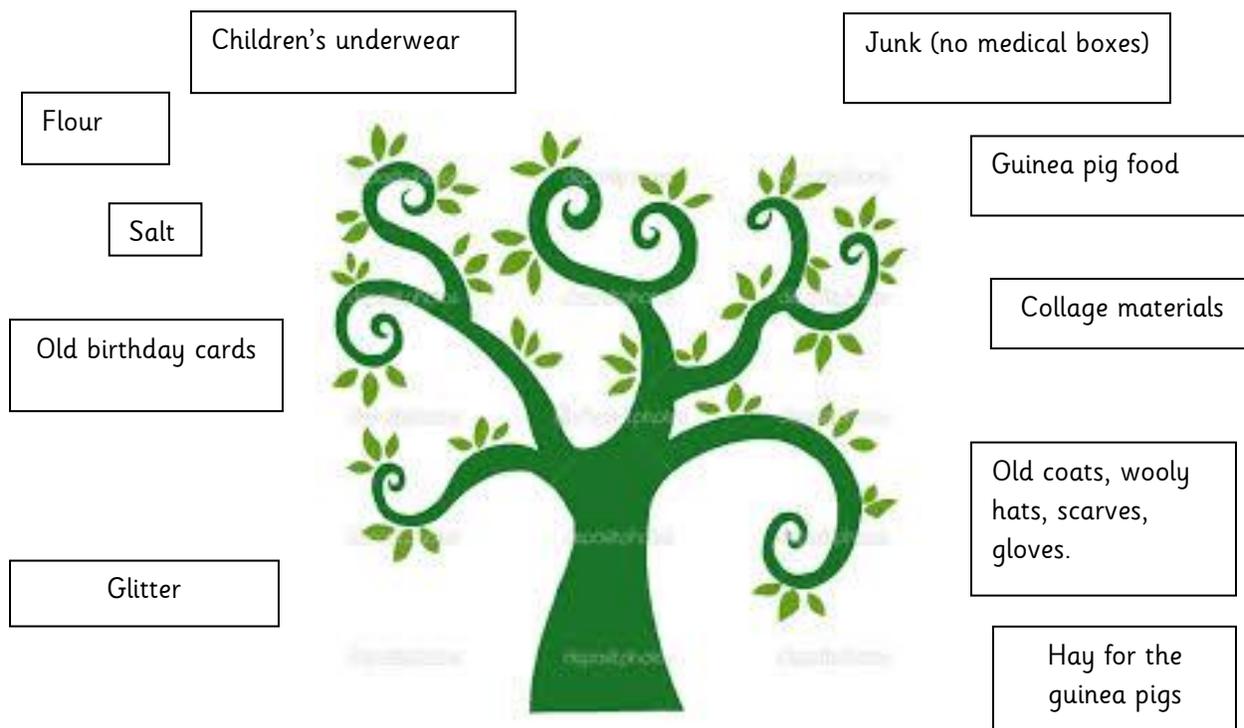


Dates for your diary:

- 31st October/1st November/2nd November (Nursery 2) – Parents’ Evening
- 18th November – Flu vaccination for Reception
- 22nd November – Non School Uniform Day – Bring a bottle or raffle prize
- 29th November – **Whitehouse Farm Visit**
- 6th December – Pantomime-Aladdin
- 7th December – Christmas Evening
- 11th December – Reception and Nursery 1 Christmas performance for parents with young children
- 12th December – Reception and Nursery 1 Christmas performance
- 14th December – Reception and Nursery 2 Christmas performance for parents with young children
- 15th December – Reception and Nursery 2 Christmas performance
- 20th December – Reception and Nursery Christmas Party: Nursery 1 are invited to come back in the afternoon (more information to follow)
- 22nd December – End of term Church Service at All Saints; Parents’ & carers are welcome to join us.

Monday 8th January 2018 – Back to School!

Our Wish Tree



Any donations of the above items to Early Years would be greatly appreciated.

Please check the website for copies of letters and further dates for your diary

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We have had such a great start to the school year and look forward to building on all the hard work from last half term. Nursery will still primarily focus on the three prime areas (Personal, Social and Emotional Development, Communication and Language and Physical Development). Reception children will continue to work on these prime areas whilst also developing the focus in the specific areas.

Prime Area: Personal, Social and Emotional Development

In Reception, we have been working hard on earning team points for our brilliant effort, attitude and behaviour, and have enjoyed our Golden Time reward playtime on Fridays. We will be working hard on our school 'Good to be Green' rules. In both Nursery and Reception we will continue to use circle times to provide the children with opportunities to talk about themselves, their families and things that are of importance to them, developing the children's confidence and participation within groups. We will also use these times to reinforce good behaviour in the unit.

Circle time is also a great opportunity to share those WOW moments and Little Star Certificates from home. Keep them coming- we love to share them.



Prime Area: Communication and Language Development

We will continue to spend time encouraging the children to speak in both small and larger groups talking about their activities at home and school. A key skill we will work on is turn-taking in group situations and conversations. Rhythm, rhyme and repetition will be explored. We will develop our speech through our plan, do, review sessions-Today I would like to play in...



The children will be encouraged to listen carefully during story and music sessions. We will also be focusing on developing the children's confidence on stage for our fantastic Christmas performances. This half term, the Reception children will start going to assembly which will help to develop their attention and concentration.

Prime Area: Physical Development

Physical development covers both fine and gross motor skills as well as children's health and self-care. This half term we will be continuing to develop children's fine motor skills through activities including using tweezers, peg boards, threading, cutting, writing, finger gym and dough disco. The children will still have opportunities to use bikes, scooters and variety of climbing equipment to develop their gross motor skills. **Half term challenge – can you put your coat on by yourself or try really hard to? Show the adults to earn a team point or sticker!**

We will continue to work with the children to become independent with their toileting needs. Thank you for all your support with this at home as well.



Specific Area: Expressive Art and Design

Children will have daily opportunities to play with playdough, paint and to make their own models (any recycling will be greatly appreciated but no medical containers/boxes please).

They will have access to role play areas to help develop their imagination and build on their speaking and confidence. This half term our role play areas will include a Dr Suess world of imagination, a cat in the hat house and a cosy winter house. The children will have singing sessions and continue to access musical instruments as well as exploring different materials and media to make firework pictures.

We will also be rehearsing for our Christmas Productions!

Specific Area: Mathematics

We will continue to teach mathematics through a range of practical and fun activities both indoors and outdoors including counting, number rhymes, number hunts and reading and recognising numbers.

The children will develop their understanding and use of numbers, finding one more or one fewer than a given number and developing addition and subtraction skills. The children will also compare and order objects according to length. We will learn about and build with 3D shapes. Reception will look at estimating too.

Reception children will continue to have daily maths sessions. We will be looking at a new maths challenge-focusing on shape this half term. What level will you reach this half term?

Specific Area: Knowledge and Understanding of the World

In this area we will be encouraging children to talk about their own home and community life, and to find out about other's experiences.

We are learning to use the computers and the mouse (using bars of soap!) as well as being super using the iPads.

We will continue with our weekly Spanish lessons and are looking forward to our visitors from Germany who will share their customs at Christmas.

Specific Area: Literacy

Literacy is broken down into reading and writing. Reading is such an important part of the Early Years curriculum and throughout this term we will be exploring a range of magical books in both small and larger groups as well as continuing our story times. Children will be discussing characters in books and predicting outcomes.

Nursery will continue to work on a range of early reading and writing activities, including mark making, letter hunts and writing in shaving foam.

We are very excited that, this half term, Reception children will receive their first reading books. Please read as often as possible, talking about the books and remember to sign the reading diary letting us know how your child got on.

Reception children will continue their daily phonics sessions. Keep up the work with your child using their orange sound books as this is a vital part of home school learning to help support your child's learning at home. Don't forget to practice the key words at the back of the book too.

We will be supporting children with their mark making and writing-whatever stage they are at. Can we make a rhyming string or think why we don't like green eggs and ham? What else could be in your pocket other than a wocket?

Early Years Spanish

- ¡Hola! = Hi!
- Buenos días = Good morning
- Buenas tardes = Good afternoon
- Buenas noches = Good evening
- ¿Qué tal? = How are you?
- muy bien = I'm fine.
- Adiós = Goodbye
- Hasta luego = See you later
- Me llamo.... = I am called....

Los colores = Colours.

- rojo= red, azul= blue, verde= green,
- amarillo=yellow, morado=purple, naranja= orange.

For songs please check out Basho and friends Hola Amigo on You tube.

