Reception - Autumn 1

The Wonderful World of Fairy Tales

Communication & Language

The children will use a wide range of vocabulary and develop their self-expression. We will place a strong emphasis on developing key language, communication, and speech skills.

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

We will spend time discussing how to work as a team and make new friends. We will talk about our feelings and learn how to manage them through the *Zones of Regulation* programme.

Physical Development

We will develop our strength, coordination, balance, and agility through a range of gross motor activities. We will also learn how to hold a pencil with confidence and develop fine motor skills to support early writing.

Welcome to Reception!

The Wonderful World of Fairy Tales is a lovely topic to help settle your child into school life.

Through this familiar topic, we will learn about well-loved traditional tales such as *The Three Little Pigs*, *Little Red Riding Hood*, and *Goldilocks and the Three Bears*. These stories use repetitive language and provide opportunities for role play, language development, cooking, painting and construction activities.

We will also enjoy a two-week focus on Shakespeare's *The Tempest*. We will explore the story in a way that is suitable and engaging for Reception children, focusing particularly on the boat and island scenes. The children will have opportunities to explore the characters, setting and events through storytelling, role play, music, movement and art.

During the half term, as summer draws to a close, we will observe the changes in the season as autumn approaches. We will collect autumnal objects, such as conkers and acorns, in our local area and learn about the animals that can be seen during this season.

Wider Curriculum

Outdoor learning:
Gardening in the Edible Playground

Health and Wellbeing:
Zones of Regulation

Enrichment:
Autumn walk in the school grounds

Maths

This half term, we will be counting and recognising numbers to 10 and beyond. We will also begin to compare amounts using mathematical vocabulary;
more, *fewer*, *same*, and *equal*.

Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any concerns about your child's progress. The year group email is receptionclass@rockmount.croydon.sch.uk

Useful links: Development matters Curriculum Maps Year Group Page