

Autumn Term 2020



Reception Newsletter

A word from me... I cannot quite believe that we are almost at the end of the first term of the school year! The time has certainly flown by. The children have made some wonderful memories and each and everyone have made me very proud; with the progress that they have made in all areas of the Early Years Curriculum. Some of our wonderful learning is explained in more detail below.

I would like to take this opportunity to say goodbye to you all. I am sorry that I will not be continuing your child's journey as class teacher. I have had an amazing term with your special child/ren and will leave Birches taking away the lovely memories that we have made together. Your child/ren will be in very safe hands as they continue their learning journey with Mrs Moge. We have had lots of planning meetings together to help to prepare for a smooth transition.

I hope you all have a lovely Christmas and enjoy some well-earned rest together.

Thank you for all your support.

Take care,

Best wishes,
Mrs Stubbs

Note from Mrs Miller... Wishing you all a very Happy Christmas and New Year. Enjoy your break at home with your families. I cannot wait to see you all again in 2021!



Literacy

In Literacy this term the children have worked hard applying their new phonics skills to a variety of early reading and writing activities. In the first half term we wrote CVC words and later progressed to writing captions. We have also had a focus on teaching the children to form their letters correctly and control the letter size of their writing. We are also really pleased with how the children have progressed with learning their word lists, along with exploring lots of new books.

Expressive Arts and Design

As part of our topics, the children have developed their creative skills as they have planned, created, and adapted their work with adult support. They have explored the learning environment and have selected their own resources. They have also enjoyed exploring our role play areas, using their wonderful imaginations, as they have worked together to take on different roles in their play.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

The children have formed lovely friendships as they have worked together and played collaboratively. An important focus has been on taking turns and managing feelings and behaviour, as they follow class/school expectations.



Maths

The children have really enjoyed our daily maths lessons. They have been developing their early mathematical skills, as we have explored a variety of maths resources to help them to read, write, order, and count accurately.

We have created patterns and sequences and have explored a variety of simple 2D shapes.

Understanding the World

The children have really enjoyed exploring the world around them as we focussed on the season of autumn in the first half term. We explored nature and looked closely at patterns and change. During our topic, this half term we have enjoyed learning about different celebrations.

Physical Development

During our 'Funky Finger' sessions we have supported the children to develop the dexterity in their fingers, to help them hold a pencil correctly with a secure pencil grip. When the weather has been kind to us, we have enjoyed playground games and Dance in PE.