

Chuckery Primary School

Reception Newsletter

AutumnTerm 2024



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What have we done this term to make us feel Proud?

This term Reception have settled really well into school life. They are now familiar with routines and enjoy going over to the canteen for lunch time. The children are beginning to form good friendships and their confidence is growing every day. They have also impressed us with their singing skills in the nativity.

We have been busy learning set 1 sounds in our phonics lessons and the children are beginning to use these sounds to write words which is fantastic!



What we have been learning about this term

Incredible You!

At the beginning of the term we learnt about ourselves, who lives in our homes and places in the local environment. We talked about our families and special people to us. Next, we read an exciting book called Pumpkin Soup and explored lots of autumnal natural objects such as pumpkins, conkers and pine cones.

Up in the Sky

We began this Mini Adventure by learning all about the Hindu festival of Diwali and thought about how it is celebrated. We then went on a virtual trip to space and met all of the planets—it was so interesting! With the frosty morning beginning we then moved on to thinking about the changes occurring during the winter and read a story about 'The Christmas Pine' - a special Christmas tree delivered to London. We have enjoyed learning about winter and learning our words and songs for the Christmas play.

What we will be learning about in the spring term.

The mini-adventures your child will be covering are?

***Explorers — Spring 1**

***Changes — Spring 2**

The curriculum in the Early Years is split into 7 areas. Please see below the focus of learning in each area.

Communication and language:

*We will use new vocabulary throughout the day.

*We will listen to and talk about stories to build familiarity and understanding.

*We will continue to practise speaking in full sentences.

Personal and Social Development:

*We will express our feelings and consider the feelings of others.

*We will think about strategies for staying calm in the face of frustration.

Physical Development:

*We will spend lots of time practising our movement skills alone and with others.

*We will practise our balance and stillness.

Literacy:

*Blend sounds into words.

*Begin to write short phrases using phonetical knowledge.

*Form lower case letters correctly.

Maths:

*Count objects, actions and sounds.

*Count beyond 10.

*Compare numbers within 5.

Understanding the World:

*Compare the weather in different countries

*Say similarities and differences between life in this country and other countries.

*Recognise some environments that are different to the one they live in – comparison of Walsall to another city.

*Know that plants need soil, water and sunlight to grow.

*Identify 4 stages of a beanstalk life cycle (seed, germination, leaf growth and flowering).

*Know that Easter is important to Christians.

Expressive Arts

*Create bird feeders in our forest school area.



Communications

Reach More Parents

We use the Reach More Parents app for all of our school communications. Parents will need to have download the app so:

- they know what is happening in school,
- can make payments for trips, dinner money etc.
- Can complete forms and book appointments

Facebook and Twitter

We share some photographs and announcements on our Facebook and Twitter pages. Find us at Chuckery primary—Official (Facebook) and @chuckeryprimary (Twitter)

Our Website

Everything you need to know about the school can be found on the school website. Visit us at www.chuckeryprimary.com



Key Dates—Spring Term

Monday 6th January —School re-opens

Tuesday 22nd—Wednesday 23rd January - Parents' Evening

Thursday 13th February—Break up—Half Term

Friday 14th February—Staff Training Day

Monday 24th February—School re-opens

Monday 24th—Wednesday 26th February—Y4 at Castleton Residential

Thursday 10th April - Easter Egg Raffle

Friday 11th April —Easter Egg Hunt

Friday 11th April —Break Up

Monday 28th April - School re-opens

The School Day

Children should be in school at 8:45am. Gates close at 8:55am to allow parents time to leave the site.

Children arriving after 8:55am will be marked as late. Further information can be found on our school website.

