



Common Road Infant and Nursery

Koalas and Zebras



Learning Letter

Welcome to our Reception classes! This letter will provide you with an overview of what your child will be learning about over the next half term. We will also be sending out weekly newsletters with a little bit more information on how you can support your child's learning at home.

Thank you for your continued support,
Miss Appleyard and Mrs Lund

Literacy

In the first few weeks we will be looking at our class animals as well as the school rules in order to develop a routine and sense of belonging for the children. We will be doing this through key stories that will be then brought to life in the different areas of provision. We will also be starting Read, Write Inc set1 sounds from the beginning on a daily basis! Within the indoor and outdoor areas of provision we will be encouraging mark making and name writing to develop those fine motor skills.

Physical Development

We will be looking at the children's coordination and gross motor skills this half term. This will involve a lot of tactile activities with playdough, paints and ball skills. The children will have access to the outdoor area throughout the session. This will include activities using the bikes and climbing frames.

Numeracy

In Reception we follow the White Rose Maths scheme, which allows children to have a deeper understanding surrounding number. This half term we will be focusing on numbers 1-5. This will include how they look at an amount, how they can be separated into different groups and how we can compare numbers. We will be doing this in practical ways within the different areas of provision, where the children can embed their skills independently.

Expressive Arts and Design

We will be painting and making our class animals out of different materials. We will be mixing paints and manipulating materials to make something new in our topic, All About Me.

All About Me



All about me

Understanding the World

We will be learning about the season Autumn and the festival of Harvest. During our topic we will look at our homes, our families and how we change from being a baby to an adult. This will allow the children to understand what makes them special and unique and know how everyone is different.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We will use our circle times to explore 'New Beginnings'. During this topic, we will be establishing some rules for staying safe and will be exploring how we are all special. We will also be looking at belonging to Reception, our feelings and how to manage them. We will focus on social skills within the classroom and outdoor areas.

Important Dates:

Week 1- 3 Welcome of New Starters

22nd September Harvest Festival

This term we will be colour and shape. Children may attend nursery wearing the colour of the week for Friday's session.

Autumn 1	Colour	Shape	Number
Week 1 (05.09.16)	Red	Circle	King 1
Week 2 (12.09.16)	Orange	Triangle	King 1
Week 3 (19.09.16)	Yellow	Square	King 1
Week 4 (26.09.16)	Green	Rectangle	Tommy 2
Week 5 (03.10.16)	Blue	Pentagon	Thelma 3
Week 6 (10.10.16)	Purple	Hexagon	Freddie 4
Week 7 (17.10.16)	Brown	Oval	Fiona 5