

Personal, Social and Emotional Development:

Throughout this half term, we will focus on making sure the transition to school is as successful as possible for all of the children. Through helping them to settle into their new routines and helping to manage whole days at school, we will support their play in order to encourage new friendships as they play collaboratively. We will help them to begin to listen to other people's ideas in their play and they will be introduced to the School rules and will be encouraged to follow them closely.

Physical Development:

Physical development is a crucial aspect of what we learn in Reception as it is this that enables other aspects of their learning to progress such as their writing and mark making. The children will therefore have lots of opportunity to develop their gross and fine motor skills through engaging in fun activities. They will have access to the outdoors where they will practice movements such as throwing, and climbing and will be given opportunities to practise smaller, fine motor movements which will help with letter formation and pencil grip. The children will also have a PE session in the hall where they will be taught specific skills.

Communication and Language:

As the children settle into the routine of the school day and begin to get to know each other and their environment, they will be encouraged to listen and maintain attention during short carpet times. This might be listening to stories, playing games involving more than one instruction or having a class discussion. They will be encouraged to play with words and experiment with vocabulary while learning and using new words, as well as using language in their collaborative play to imagine and create roles and situations.

Literacy:

Writing: The children will be encouraged to write in lots of different situations. They will be encouraged to give meaning to the marks they make and when it is appropriate, use letter sounds for the words they want to write.

Reading: From the beginning of term, the children will be encouraged to develop a love of reading. They will choose a book to take home daily, and will have experience of listening to, joining in with and retelling stories, rhymes and poems. They will become more confident when handling books and will begin to participate in guided reading sessions with an adult.

We are The Wrens



Understanding the World:

Throughout the first part of the term the children will be encouraged to talk about their own experience and listen to those of others. They will be given lots of opportunities to explore the natural world and the local community around Cubbington. They will also have the opportunity to use technology for a range of purposes.

Mathematics:

In Reception we know that the world is full of maths and the children will meet numbers and maths everywhere! Through fun, hands on activities and games we will learn how to count carefully and accurately, recognise numbers and solve problems involving adding and subtracting groups of two small amounts together. The children will also be encouraged to solve maths problems throughout the day as part of their everyday play provision.

Upcoming events:

- **Harvest festival** - 9:30 on Monday 2nd October at St Mary's church
- **Phonics evening for parents** - 6pm on Tuesday 17th October in the Wren's classroom. All welcome!

Expressive Arts and Design:

The children will be encouraged to develop their learning through painting, craft, music, movement and dance. They will be given the opportunity to learn how to use simple tools and techniques, and will be encouraged to use what they learn in order to experiment with creating their own projects. The children will be encouraged to use role play and small world play to enact their ideas and familiar stories, as well as creating their own stories, using props they can find around the classroom to support their play.