

Autumn Term EYFS Newsletter

Octopus and Seahorse Class

Our Early Years Curriculum is taught through four aspirations:

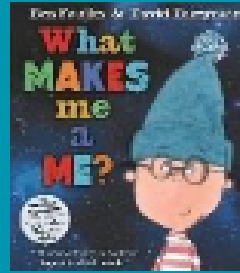
Create, explain and model how to play a game, inside or outside, using resources of their choice and articulate simple rules.

Grow an insect-friendly garden and talk about changes observed over time.

Choose a favourite story and retell in their own way to a small audience using props, costumes, music effects.

Know what makes a celebration special and work collaboratively to explore, plan, create and take part in a celebration.

Books we will explore:



Areas we may explore:



Talk about books I love – developing a love of reading at school and at home.

Share stories and have discussions about birthdays and other celebrations.

Join in role play, cooking and creating for a special occasion.

Talk about what I do and what you do to celebrate.

Hear stories about people in the community.

Meet visitors from the local community – find out what do they do to help us? What can we do to help?



Make Mini Mes

Use resources to be creative, and express myself in different ways – art, music, dance.

Learn action/clapping songs and rhyming games to play together.

Play large and small games, following the instructions/rules, sharing, taking turns, working together, including matching and dice games.

Learn how to tidy up and put away – making labels and taking photographs of our environment.



A walk around school and the local area to notice landmarks and people.

Learn about my community, visit to church and taking part in Harvest Festival.

Look for seasonal changes in the school grounds– making collections and sorting natural loose parts, conkers, acorns. Noticing animals and plants in our school and church grounds.

How can we help them – making a bug hotel, bird feeder etc.

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Key Dates

24th September

Phonics Workshop for
new families 2pm

8th October

Harvest Festival

7th October

Flu Vaccinations

12th & 15th October

Parents' evening

26th October- 1st November

Half term (school closed)

2nd November

INSET Day (school closed)

7th December

2pm Octopus and
Seahorse Nativity in St
Clements Church

17th December

end of term service

18th December

End of Term
school closes at 1:15pm



This term's new
sounds:

s a t p

i n m d

g o c k

ck e u r

s ss h b ff ll

to practise



Harder to read and
spell words- these
words cannot be
sounded out.

l, the, no, put, of, is,
to, go, into, pull, as,
is

This term's words to
read and spell:

sat, tap, sap

mat, Tim, pip, tin

dog, cat, mat, cap

egg, mug, sock, pen

cup, tick, ten, peg

leg, bag, bed, hat

Lunchbox reminders

Children receive a snack of fruit at
school, you do not need to send them
with a snack. Lunchboxes should be
healthy and any grapes/cherry
tomatoes should be cut up. Please put
your child's name on their lunchbox
and water bottle- many thanks from
all the EYFS team!



Safari Reading Challenge

Reading

Make sure you read with your
child **at least 3 times each week**
and write in their reading
record. Reading folders should
be in school everyday. We will
change reading books on a
Monday.

Bedtime Books

Share this with your child every
night. A new book will come
home on Fridays. Return the
book you have had on the
following Friday.

Mathsnificent

Your child will come home with a
maths learning card every week.
Please help your child to complete
their new maths challenges.
The card contains maths facts your
child needs to learn. Please help your
child practise these at home. The QR
codes will help you.