



# Autumn Term 2 - Curriculum Newsletter

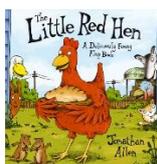
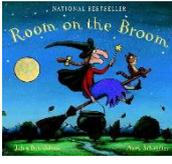
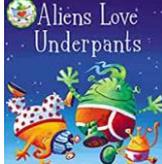
## Reception

Dear Parents & Carers,

Our topic this half term will be ‘Celebrations’ in Reception, where we will be learning about different celebrations and talking about celebrations that are special to us. We will be following the children’s interests as they develop over the course of the half term.

We will be developing our social skills, sharing with our friends, taking turns in conversation and asking for help when they need it. It is important for children to develop their independence so they will be encouraged to try to do things on their own, such as using a knife and fork, fastening coats and looking after their own belongings.

Our core texts for this half term are

				
Pumpkin Soup	The Little Red Hen	Room on the Broom	A Squash and a Squeeze	Aliens Love Underpants

We will be listening regularly to these stories, learning to recall the events and join in repeated phrases. We will be developing an understanding of these stories by answering what, where and who questions. We will also be learning about story settings and introduce vocabulary related to each text. Children will also learn about non-fiction books this half term.

The children will follow the RWI Phonics scheme that we use throughout school to teach reading. Children in reception will be taught the set 1 sounds and the initial sounds of words. This will then help the children to ‘Fred Talk’ to sound out words, for example t-a-p- tap. When children are ready, they will star taking home book to read for themselves using ‘Fred Talk’. Children will be encouraged to look at and read books for pleasure and enjoy sharing stories with their friends.

We will work daily on handwriting to form letters correctly. Children should now be able to recognise their own name and write it independently.

In maths we will learn to count forwards and backwards to 10 and beyond. Children will be encouraged to make amounts up to 5 in different ways. We will learn to recognise an amount of object up to 5 without counting them. We will learn to count sounds, objects and movements. We will be comparing amounts using language more, less, fewer, the same. Children asked to compare,

sort and talk about shapes such as circle, square, rectangle and triangle. Children will learn prepositional language such as, under, over, on top, behind, next to. We will also learn to order daily routines.

Children will be encouraged to develop their creativity using their own ideas, self-selecting resources, making choices about how to combine parts to create different effects and learning different ways of fixing materials together. They will talk about what worked well and how it could be improved.

We will continue to spend time learning outdoors so please make sure your child is dressed appropriately. Shoes should not have laces as these come undone easily. Earrings are not to be worn in Reception for health and safety reasons.

Please continue to read daily with your child. Children who are read to regularly become confident readers as they move through school. Storybooks will be changed every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. These books should be read by an adult to promote a love of reading. If your child reads at least 5 times a week, they will receive a prize from school. Your child will also have sounds to learn at home. If your child has a phonics book, this will be changed every Friday.

We will continue to upload pictures of your child's learning on Tapestry. It would be lovely if you could comment on the picture, or give it 'a like' so that we know you have seen it. If you would like to share what your child is doing at home, please feel free to upload your own pictures.

If you have any further questions about your child's learning, please come and ask.

Kind regards

Mrs Shardha and Mrs Greenhalgh