



## Parents' Information Sheet

Class: Robins (F1) and Kingfishers (F2) Term: Autumn 1

Theme: Why do leaves go crispy?

### Communication Language & Literacy

This term we will be;

Learning about Animal Sounds, Environmental Sounds (around the home/ outside) and Musical Sounds (F1) during our Letters and Sounds sessions. The Reception children will begin to read simple words by blending and segmenting (F2).

To support our Communication and Language we will be following the 'Plan, Do, Review' routine, speaking to new friends, asking adults for help / asking questions.

We will be Learning Nursery Rhymes/ Songs- Old Mac Donald.

We will be talking about our home and people who are important to us.

For Talk for Writing we will be learning the story of 'The Little Red Hen' and we will perform it using actions.

We will be reading stories and information books linked to the theme.

We will be joining in with repeated refrains and will be talking about characters and events in stories.

We will begin to understand that information can be found in books.

We will Listen to stories- talking about pictures, characters, events.

We will participate with mark making using different tools. The Reception children will attempt to write labels and captions.

## Mathematics

This term we will be;

Doing 'Count down' with Astronaut Alan- counting up to 10 and back to 0.

Counting how many children/ how many have milk/ fruit or school dinners/ packed lunches.

Becoming familiar with the Numicon pieces, counting how many holes for each piece. Reception children will begin to represent amounts to 20 using the Numicon.(F2)

The Nursery children will have an introduction to the Number Puppies (to support with colour, number and shape). Reception children will be beginning to talk about the properties of 2D shapes and will be representing different amounts for the Number Puppies.

We will also be learning different Number Rhymes to support our understanding of adding and taking away.

We will be counting, sorting 'Autumn Treasures' along with any counting during our independent learning time.

## Understanding of the World

This term we will be:

Naming animals and making their sounds.

Investigating the outdoor environment, collecting Autumn Treasures.

Going on a visit to the Farm to participate in a Little Red Hen Workshop.

Participating with baking activities.

Playing using different media.

Investigating with the water/ sand.

## Technology

This term we will be;

Making Autumn pictures by using the iPads or computer.

Finding out more about Autumn, Harvest and Farming by using Espresso on the iPads.  
Taking photographs of the changing weather outside.

### Expressive Arts and Design

This term we will be;  
Using Continuous Provision resources to select and make our own pictures/ models.  
Making wooden spoon Scarecrows.  
Making Little Red Hen puppets.  
Making a 'real' Scarecrow outside.  
Making patterns using Autumn Treasures.  
Using powder paint to mix different colours.  
Leaf printing with leaves they have collected.  
Fruit printing using fruit from the Nursery Garden,  
Using percussion instruments.  
Joining in with songs and rhymes.  
Role Play in the Home Corner.  
Building using construction resources.  
Using the Workshop.

### Physical

This term we will be;  
Using the Continuous Provision outdoors and indoors.  
Dough Gym/ Funky Fingers/ Wizard Writing  
Joining in with activities in the hall.  
Participating with ring games  
Parachute Games.  
Gardening  
Going on an Autumn Walk  
Den Building, Mud Kitchen

### Personal, Social and Emotional Development

This term we will be;

Settling in- beginning to leave our carer without any support from an adult (F1)

Becoming familiar with the daily routine, following instructions (i.e. tidy up time).

Learning how to get along with new friends and ask an adult for help to sort out any problems. (F1) Beginning to sort out problems with friends (F2)

Talking about interests and people important to us.

Showing care and respect for animals and the environment.

### Homework

The Nursery children will be practising animal sounds and listening out for environmental sounds in and around the home.

The Reception children will be practising their Treasure Chest Words and Reading Book.

All children will be able to take a Library Book home to read with a grown up.

All children will be practising their numbers, shapes and counting with the Number Puppies each week.

All children will be practising the Jolly Phonics songs.

### Educational visits/visitors.

We will be going on a visit to Whirlow Hall Farm to take part with a Little Red Hen Workshop.

Please let us know whether this leaflet has been of any help in informing you of your child's learning throughout the term. We always welcome your comments and ideas.

