Livingstone Road
EYFS - Autumn 2

Livingstone Road Primary Federation

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Welcome Back!

We hope you all had a wonderful half term break. We are looking forward to all of the exciting learning that we will be doing in EYFS this half term!



Reading & Writing

This term we will also focus on our favourite Autumn and Winter themed books such as Pumpkin Soup and The Very Helpful Hedgehog. We learn the key vocabulary from these stories to help the children retell them accurately and confidently.

This term, we will continue to develop the children's early reading and writing skills by focusing on initial sounds and CVC (consonant-vowel-consonant) words, such as *cat*, *dog* and *pin*. Through daily phonics sessions, games and practical activities, the children will learn to recognise and say letter sounds, identify the first sound they hear in words, and begin to use their phonics knowledge in their own writing.

As the children grow in confidence, they will be encouraged to hear and record the sounds they can hear in simple words, helping them to take their first steps towards independent writing. We will provide lots of opportunities for mark-making and writing within both adult-led activities and child-initiated play.

Alongside this, we will place a strong emphasis on correct letter formation, helping children to form letters accurately using the correct starting and finishing points. We will practise letter formation in a variety of multisensory ways such as writing in shaving foam, sand and using pencils and pens.

We will also continue to support children in developing a secure pencil grip and strengthening the muscles in their hands and fingers.



Maths

This term, we will continue to develop the children's understanding of numbers, focusing on the numbers one, two and three. Through a range of practical activities, songs, stories and games, the children will learn to recognise these numbers, count objects accurately, and begin to understand that numbers represent quantities. As their confidence grows, we will also start to explore the numbers four and five, encouraging children to count, compare and represent these numbers in different ways.

Alongside our number work, we will be learning about 2D shapes, with a particular focus on circles and triangles. The children will explore the properties of these shapes, learn to identify them in the environment, and use them creatively during play and construction activities.

Later in the term, we will extend our learning to investigate shapes with four sides, such as squares and rectangles. The children will be encouraged to notice similarities and differences between shapes, describe what they see using mathematical language, and explore shapes through sorting, building and problem-solving activities.

Understanding The World

We are delighted to share that EYFS have welcomed two beautiful new babies! Fir class has welcomed a little boy and Chestnut class has welcomed a little girl. We are so excited to spend the year caring for them, and we know that the children will do a wonderful job of helping to look after their new little friends.

This term, EYFS will be learning all about the seasons and how the world around us changes throughout the year. The children will explore different types of weather, notice changes in the trees and plants, and talk about the seasonal changes they can see around them. We are looking forward to discovering what makes each season special and sharing our observations as we learn together!

At Livingstone Road Primary Federation we love to learn about other people's cultures, beliefs and celebrations. This half term we will be exploring these different celebrations;

The Nativity

We will be exploring the story of Christmas and learning about its significance for Christians. The children will discover the different characters in the Nativity story, including Mary, Joseph and baby Jesus, and talk about the important events that took place. We will encourage the children to think about why Christmas is a special time for many people and how it is celebrated with family and friends.

Diwali

We will be discovering how Diwali, the Festival of Lights, is celebrated by Hindus and Sikhs. We will explore some of the traditions associated with Diwali, including lighting diyas, creating colourful rangoli patterns, decorating homes and sharing special food with family and friends. The children will have opportunities to create their own colourful artwork and learn about the different ways people celebrate this special festival.

Bonfire Night

We will be learning about Bonfire Night and why it is celebrated on 5th November. The children will discover the story of Guy Fawkes and explore the traditions associated with this celebration, including bonfires, fireworks and sparklers. We will talk about the sights and sounds of fireworks and use our senses to describe what we might see and hear.

An important part of our learning will be understanding fire safety. We will discuss why fire can be dangerous and the importance of keeping a safe distance from bonfires and fireworks. The children will learn that they should never touch matches, lighters or fireworks and should always stay with a trusted adult. We will also talk about the importance of following safety instructions, wearing appropriate clothing when watching fireworks and knowing what to do if they see something dangerous. Through these discussions, we will help the children understand how to enjoy celebrations safely.

There are so many different festivals this half term are too many to write them all down but we will also explore other celebrations such as Christmas and Hanukkah.

Reminders & Home Learning

Now that the Summer is far behind us please can you make sure that your child comes to school with a coat. In EYFS we play outdoors in all types of weather because who doesn't love getting a bit wet! Please feel free to bring in a bag with a pair of clearly labelled wellies for your child to get changed into on those rainy days.

Please could we also ask that jumpers, cardigans and coats are clearly named so that we can help find their owners at the end of the day. We have a large selection of unnamed jumpers and cardigans left over from Autumn One so if you are missing one please ask a member of the team and we will be happy to help.

As this is the start of Autumn 2, the children now are more familiar with our morning routine so please could we ask that all parents say goodbye to their child at the gate before they come into the little garden. This will also apply at pick up time too.

Please could we also ask that children do not bring toys from home into school, as they can easily get lost or misplaced. Thank you for your understanding and support.