



# Red Class



## Autumn Term Newsletter 2024

**Welcome to your first year of school, we can't wait to watch you grow!**

**Class teacher: Mrs J. Hill**

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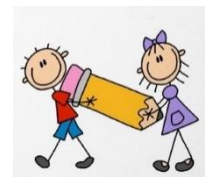
### **Mathematics**

Over this term we will be looking at numbers and counting, place value, addition, subtraction and shape.

We will also be using a new maths scheme, encouraging the pupils to solve reasoning type problems and to build their confidence to work in small groups.



### **English**



Our narrative for this half term will be The Gingerbread Man, the traditional tale about a cheeky little biscuit who comes to life and runs away. He meets many different characters along his journey and unfortunately comes to a sticky end when he meets a fox. Through this text we will be looking at mark making, ascribing meaning to our marks, letter formation and beginning to write short, simple words and labels.

Also, we shall be focusing upon being able to recognise, read and write our first names.

### **Guided Reading**

We encourage a love of books and reading through our daily class texts and end of day story time.

We shall be taking part in lots of story explorations through; songs, drama, rehearsing well known tales and story mapping.



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### Daily home reading books

Very soon your child will bring home a school reading book and reading diary. Please listen to your child read their book each night (at least 3-4 pages per night if they struggle).

This is a very important skill and will help them to make progress throughout the year.

Each time they read to you, please write a comment in their reading diary along with the date and your signature, thank you. Reading books and diaries MUST be brought into school every day in their blue book bag (school bag). The expectation is that children in Reception will have a minimum of three signatures in their diary each week.

### Phonics



We are following the whole school phonics programme – Read Write Inc, every day we work on a different letter sound (phoneme) and written letter (grapheme). Each letter sound has a picture and a rhyme with it to help us to recall the sound the letter makes and how to carefully form the letter when writing independently.

In addition to daily sounds, we shall learn a new 'Red Word' each week. These are sight words that have to be learnt by memory.

Information on our daily phonics will follow, shortly.



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### Topic including Understanding of the world

Our topic work this half term covers the theme "Who am I?" Through this we shall look at our families, friends, homes, communities and local area. We shall explore our senses through messy experiments involving gloop, seasonal nature through art and all about ourselves through a variety of fun and engaging tasks.

After half term we shall be looking at celebrations in our homes, communities and around the world.



### RE and PSHE



In our topics; Why is the word God important to Christians? and Creation, we shall learn about bible stories that introduce how the world was created and stories that tell us about God and Jesus.



### Music



Music will be taught on Wednesday's by Mrs Whitely focusing on songs, rhymes and rhythm.



### Spanish

In Red Class in Spanish lessons over the Autumn term we will be listening and learning about some different nursery rhymes to begin our Spanish learning journey!



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## PE

This term we are focusing on movement to music and dance, being taught by Mrs Hill and ASM.

### Useful Information

Our PE days are **Tuesday and Thursday** - Please come to school in your PE kit.

Homework is set on a Friday and due in the following Wednesday, each week a piece of homework will be set that may involve being creative, going out and about or finding out about something new. More information on this will follow soon, so please do not think about it just yet.

We ask that you read at least 3 times a week so remember, keep reading! However, reading a few pages each night will really help your child to progress in their reading skills.

It is going to be a very busy term and we can't wait to get started on all of the new and exciting activities. If you would like any advice on how to support your child in their learning journey, please contact Mrs Hill.