



## Autumn 2 2023 Curriculum Overview

Welcome back to another busy term in school. We hope you all had a lovely break, and your children enjoyed the rest too. Please continue to check Seesaw and school bags regularly for any information we may send home.

Things your child needs each day in school:

- Named water bottle filled with water
- Suitable warm coat now the weather is turning colder
- A piece of fruit for snack if they wish (toast is available to purchase via School Money)

### Our Curriculum

Our curriculum is carefully planned to ensure your child meets the Early Learning Goals at the end of their Reception Year. Further information on the Early Learning Goals will be sent home shortly. If you would like to find out more about the framework, please follow the link: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/early-years-foundation-stage-framework--2>

### Activities for Home

We do occasionally set activities for you to complete with your child at home. These will consolidate our learning in school and will be set either on Seesaw as an activity or sent home as a short task. Thank you for supporting your child to complete these.

### Reading in Owls

Children will bring home books to share each week. These are changed each Monday. Please ensure these are sent into school each week with the signed reading diary.

Nursery children will bring home a story book to share with a grown up. Encourage your child to talk about and discuss the pictures.

Reception children are now bringing home books with decodable words in. Please keep re-reading these over the week to develop their reading fluency. Each book also has some

questions and activities in the front for you to complete together. They will also bring home a book to share with an adult.

Your child will read to an adult in school once a week using books linked to our phonics.

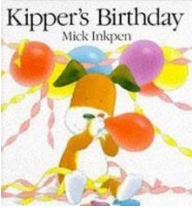
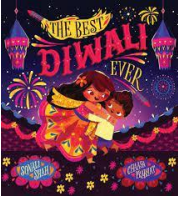
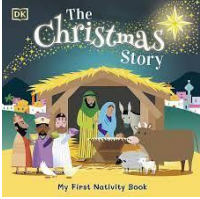
Reception children will also bring home a phonics' keyring. Each week we will send home the new sounds taught in school. Please practise these regularly.

### Keeping in Touch

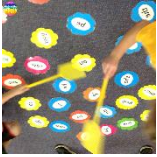

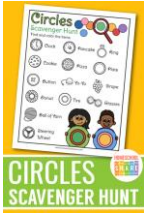

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have questions, queries or just need to update us with things that may happen away from school. You can a message us through Seesaw or email through the office [office@hutchinson.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:office@hutchinson.staffs.sch.uk) We will get back to you as soon as we can either with a message or phone call if required.

Mrs Owen & Miss Johnson

## Autumn 2 – Curriculum Information

Topic	Focus Texts	Rationale
Celebrations	  	We have chosen to focus on the different celebrations that take place at this time of the year. We use the story of Kipper's Birthday to discuss birthday traditions.
Communication and Language	We will be developing our listening skills and beginning to follow simple instructions. We will listen and join in with regular Storytime. In our Drawing Club sessions, and when talking about different celebrations we will be learning new vocabulary.	
Personal, Social and Emotional	We will be learning to take turns and listen to our friends. We will also continue to look after things and keep our classroom tidy.	
RHE	Theme – Healthy Eating.	
Physical	This term, we will be learning the correct way to hold one handed tools including: scissors; tweezers; pencils and cutlery. We will also be developing our gross motor movements by moving in different ways in dance.	
Literacy	<p>Nursery- will be making their own marks and beginning to give meaning to them. We will make our own birthday and Christmas cards and make marks to represent our name. We will be sharing lots of stories and focusing on the key concepts of print within them. We will continue to complete Level 1 Phonics activities.</p> <p>Reception – will be learning individual letters during daily phonics' sessions and starting to write them. We will be learning to blend sounds to read words and short captions. Drawing Club will be used as an engaging activity to develop our writing skills. Stories will be used as a stimulus to draw pictures, adding words and captions when we are ready.</p>	
Mathematics	<p>Nursery- We will complete practical activities to compare amounts, learning about size, mass and capacity. We will also be learning some counting rhymes.</p> <p>Reception – We follow the White Rose Maths Scheme. Our topics this term are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Circles and Triangles</li> <li>• 1,2,3,4,5</li> <li>• Shapes with 4 sides</li> </ul>	
Understanding the World	We will be talking about the different celebrations that occur during this time of the year. We will find out why we celebrate Bonfire Night and Remembrance Day. We will be looking at how different toys work and how they have changed over the years. We will talk about how we celebrate Christmas and look at traditions in other countries. As the seasons change, we will talk about Autumn and Winter and the changes we see.	
Expressive Arts and Design	We will be learning to explore colours and materials to create our own Bonfire pictures. We will use clay to make diva lamps. As we approach Christmas, we will be completing lots of different crafts, including making our own biscuits. We will learn new songs and rhymes related to Christmas and the celebrations we have been finding out about.	
RE	Nursery- Special Times	

## Some activities for your child to try at home.

<p><b>Word splat</b></p> <p>Write the tricky words the, to, I, no and go on pieces of paper. Can you splat the word when asked? Repeat with other short three letter words.</p> 	<p><b>Play I spy</b></p> <p>At home or in the car play the fun game, I spy.</p> 
<p><b>Go on a shape hunt</b></p> <p>What shapes can you find at home? Can you find some circles and triangles? Use an IPAD or phone to take pictures of the shapes you find.</p> 	<p><b>Play games</b></p> <p>Practise your subitising. Play games including dominoes or small board games looking closely at the numbers you see.</p> 
<p><b>Practise cutting</b></p> <p>Can you cut out some shapes? Use a toy catalogue to cut out toys you might like for Christmas.</p>	

### Useful Websites

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/> - for fun phonics games

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/5-7-years/counting> - for fun maths activities

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episodes/b08bzfnh/numberblocks> - to consolidate our work in Early number