



## **St Augustine's CE Primary school**

### **Nursery Newsletter**

#### **Autumn Term 1**

Welcome back, we hope you had a lovely summer break! We are looking forward to a wonderful term full of play and fantastic learning opportunities. I am very excited to join Miss George and Miss Ali as the new Nursery teacher.

#### **Morning routine**

We have a Nursery soft start time from 08.45am to 09.00am, and pick up is at 12pm. Please ensure you are on time at drop off and pick up

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Please only bring in a coat, book bag and water bottle. Children are not allowed to bring in toys, sweets, games or their own stationary.

#### **Topic**

Our topic this term is Traditional Tales. We will be looking at a range of books such as 'Little Red Hen', 'The Three Little Pigs' and 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff'. We will be learning about colours, the structure of the stories (beginning, middle, end), main characters (eg. the three little pigs and the wolf) and we will develop our retelling abilities (being able to recall a story that has been previously read but in our own words).

Chinese New Year will take place in February and it will give us a nice opportunity to continue learning about other cultures and how different people join together to enjoy these festivities.

#### **Communication, Language and Literacy**

This half term we will be exploring our topic again through language, singing, and learning new vocabulary. We will be introducing some Phonics Phase 1 activities from the 'Letters and Sounds' scheme. Phase 1 is about exploring sounds. To continue with the work done in the previous term, the children will be learning about rhyme, alliteration and sound blending (saying the sounds that form a word and being able to distinguish which word word it is, eg. c-a-t is cat). This supports children's later reading and writing skills.

#### **Mathematics**

In maths this half term we will be consolidating our knowledge of numbers from 1 to 10, strengthening the link between quantity and numeral (counting a number of toys and linking it to a particular number). We will be also working on quantity conservation (splitting a quantity in different ways and understanding that it is still the same amount). The children will be learning some vocabulary related to weight and they will be learning how to compare different objects while using a scale.

#### **Home-school Reading**

Please continue to read with your child for at least 10 minutes each day, discuss the book with them, and please fill in your child's reading record. Nothing makes a greater impact on their progress than regular reading at home.

#### **Cooking at Nursery**

We will continue cooking with the children this term. For this we ask you to bring in £4.00 every 6 weeks. Please put it in an envelope and in your child's book bag. This money is used to buy the ingredients needed. This is a great learning opportunity for the children to take turns, supports mathematical skills such as measuring and counting, and explore the process of turning ingredients into something new.

### Key Dates

Date	Event
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> of January	Forest school
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	Last day of term
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> February	First day of term

### Please remember...

As the weather gets colder please ensure your child has a waterproof coat with hood, hat and gloves as we learn outside every day (please be aware that some of the best learning can be very messy!). Please ensure your child is wearing appropriate footwear - wellies can be kept in a bag on pegs for rainy days (please make sure they have your child's name written on). Plimsoles are not suitable for wet weather. It is also recommendable to provide them with good grip shoes. They will also need a warm hat and gloves (they will need to be named or attached to their coats)

Don't forget that for their wellbeing and cognitive development they will need a good nights sleep. A recommended sleeping time would be no later than 19:30.

Best wishes,

**Miss Ricart, Miss George and Miss Major**