



Language Resource Parent Letter Autumn 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

We would like to share some information with you about this term including important dates and information about the curriculum content we will be covering.

Speech Work

Speech targets will be set by the speech and language therapist and will be reinforced in class 7 in speech sessions with Mrs. Casey and Mrs. Davies. Thank you for continuing to practice these speech targets with your child at home. Please make sure your child takes their speech books into home school so the staff their can continue the speech work with your child. We have devised a sheet to show when speech work is carried out in the Language Resource, Home school and at home to ensure consistency and communication between the settings. Please make sure you fill in the 'home' section when you do speech work at home with your child.

As well as adult planned and initiated activities, children will also have opportunities to develop their learning and interests through child-initiated activities in the classroom. As we have pupils of different ages and abilities in Class 7 activities are differentiated accordingly. All activities provide opportunities for your child to develop their communication and language skills and staff are all aware of individual speech targets.

English

In Autumn 1 Children will be exploring the text: Toys in Space by Mini Grey.

In Autumn 2 Children will be exploring the text: Rapunzel by Bethan Woolvin.

The children will be looking at key 'hook' items from the text and as a class the children will express their ideas and thoughts about the stories continually. As a class we will discuss our favourite parts of the text and pictures, make predictions and sequence the story. The children will also have the opportunity to engage in role-play around the stories and hot seating of characters.

There will be opportunities to write for different purposes will include speech bubbles, captions, writing wanted posters, invitations, and story circles. Children's phonics skills will be supported and developed using sound/word mats, gesture, modelling and through a range of phonic schemes that are used in the children's home schools and replicated in class 7. Fine motor skills will be developed through a wide range of activities including geoboards, following instructions from an artist to reproduce a drawing, chalking, water and sand play, tweezer/peg games, Lego, cutting and construction opportunities.

In addition to daily English based activities, each day the children have 'Talk Time' at the very beginning of the day to focus on developing individual speech and language targets in different contexts to help the children to generalize their speech target. Later in the day the class will further enhance speaking and listening skills through speech and language games which will also develop the children's communication, language, listening and turn taking skills.

Mathematics

Adult initiated/led and child-initiated activities which will focus on basic skills. As we have children of various ages and abilities the lessons and activities will enable all children to achieve according to their potential and learning style. The type of activities will include: Counting (forwards and backwards), recognizing, sequencing and writing numbers, using language of 'more' and 'fewer/ less' to compare amounts, finding one more / one less than a given number, using objects to add and subtract. Understanding and using symbols '+', '- ' and '=', positional language, using mathematic skills and knowledge to reason and problem solve.

Topic Work: Understanding the World / Science /History / Geography

Autumn 1's topic is: Space

We will gather the children's thoughts about space, look at individual planets, stars and the solar system.

The children will be examining a variety of different styles of puppets, experimenting how to make objects move, and then creating their own.

Autumn 1 and 2: Bonfire night and how fireworks are used for celebrations, Remembrance Sunday and Christmas.

Autumn 1: Space Autumn 2: Templates and joining (puppets)

- Observational drawings/painting skills,
- Using a range of techniques, tools and materials to express their ideas and imagination.
- Using recyclable materials to make junk models.

- Autumn 1: Classical music
- Autumn 2: Blues, Jazz and Swing

Music lesson:

Autumn 1: Beat and Rhythm

Autumn 2: Listening and performing

Monday/Tuesday:

Autumn 1: Fundamentals

Autumn 2: Dance

Thursday/Friday:

Autumn 1: Fundamentals

Autumn 2: Dance

During our P.E. lessons the children will have the opportunity to take part in a wide range of sports and physical activities which are all carried out in a safe and supportive environment. Effort and hard-work as well as success is celebrated while enjoyment and working together is promoted.

Monday 8th September	School re-opens
Friday 24 th October	Half term
Monday 3 rd November	School re-opens
Tuesday 9 th December	Monday/Tuesday children coffee afternoon time 1.30 – 2.30 p.m.
Thursday 11th December	Thursday/Friday children coffee afternoon. Time 1.30 – 2.30 p.m.
Friday 19 th December	End of term

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs. Davies, Mrs. Casey and Miss Kurs.