

Fledglings Newsletter

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Altrincham CE
Aided Primary School

Welcome to the final half term of the school year – we can't believe how quickly the year has gone! We hope you are all well and enjoying the brighter days as we move into this exciting final part of the year. We are looking forward to a busy and memorable half term, filled with lots of learning, celebrations and special activities for the children. Our topic for this half term is 'Our Wonderful World', where the children will be exploring the world around them in fun and engaging ways. This newsletter will give you an overview of what to expect and how you can continue to support your child during this important part of the year.

Communication and Language

In Communication and Language, we will continue to develop the children's listening and attention skills, supporting them to listen carefully to others and stay focused during activities. We will encourage children to retell stories, build their vocabulary and use new words in different contexts. Through play and discussion, we will support them in creating imaginative stories, speaking in clear sentences and using past, present and future tenses in their conversations.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

In PSED, our focus will be on the theme of *Changing Me*. The children will learn to name parts of the body, explore ways to keep healthy and understand how we grow and change from babies into adults. We will also support them in reflecting on their time in Nursery / Reception, sharing favourite memories, talking about any worries and expressing their feelings as they prepare for their move to Reception or Year 1, as well as looking ahead to what they are excited about.

Physical Development

In Physical Development, we will continue to focus on developing the children's fine motor skills, supporting them to form recognisable letters, use a secure tripod grip when drawing and writing, and use scissors and a range of small tools with increasing control and accuracy. In PE, the children will practise key skills such as throwing overarm at a target, rolling and receiving a ball with a partner, and striking a ball from a tee, while beginning to explore simple tactics in different games. We will also be preparing for Sports Day on 10th July, helping to build the children's confidence, coordination and teamwork skills.

RE

In RE, we will be exploring *Special Times*, including birthdays, weddings, new babies and the Christian celebration of Pentecost. The children will take part in a range of activities such as drawing and role play, making cards and exploring the meaning behind these special moments. As part of our learning about Pentecost, they will create windmills, explore the idea of the wind and learn to say hello in different languages, helping them to understand how people celebrate and communicate in different ways.

Understanding the World	Expressive Arts and Design	Maths	Literacy
<p>In Understanding the World, the children will explore <i>Our Wonderful World</i> through a range of hands-on experiences. They will learn about different environments such as oceans, forests and deserts, and compare places around the world, including Kenya and the UK. The children will use maps, globes and simple digital tools to explore where they live and follow journeys from stories. We will also focus on caring for our world, learning about recycling, pollution and how we can help protect our environment through activities such as litter picking, gardening and creating eco-friendly ideas.</p>	<p>In Expressive Arts and Design, the children will explore their creativity through a range of exciting activities. They will take part in a giant collaborative world collage, create clay snails and experiment with fruit printing. The children will also use recycled materials to design sea creatures and junk model inventions, as well as create posters showing how they can help care for the Earth.</p>	<p>In Maths, Reception children will focus on developing their understanding of number through manipulating, composing and decomposing numbers, as well as exploring sharing and grouping. They will also practise visualising, building and mapping to deepen their mathematical thinking. In Nursery, the children will revisit numbers to 5, comparing amounts and exploring what comes before and after a number, helping to build confidence in early number skills.</p>	<p>In Literacy, we will continue to develop the children's reading and writing skills through our Bug Club Phonics programme and a range of high-quality texts including <i>Here We Are</i>, <i>The Snail and the Whale</i>, <i>Handa's Surprise</i> and stories linked to caring for our world. The children will be encouraged to talk about what they have read, share their opinions and use <i>because</i> to explain their ideas. They will practise retelling and sequencing stories, making simple predictions, and developing their understanding of fiction and non-fiction. We will also support the children in writing for a range of purposes.</p>

Important Dates

- Wednesday 24th June - Parent Information Meetings
- Fri 26th and Tues 30th June – Stay and Play sessions for next years Reception children and their parents
- Friday 10th July – Sports Day

Reminders

- The children will have Forest School every Wednesday afternoon this half term – please ensure they bring appropriate clothing as these sessions will go ahead come rain or shine!
- PE kits on Tuesdays and Fridays
- Reading books are changed on Mondays