



**Our Lady of Mount Carmel  
Catholic Primary School**

## Curriculum Newsletter



### Apple Class

#### Autumn Term 2



Leaves  
Everywhere!

#### Hook

Visit to Stourhead on 5<sup>th</sup>  
November.

#### Outcome

To be able to name some British trees and woodland animals. To begin to appreciate how beautiful our woodlands are.

#### Take Home Task

An Autumn Collage (using natural materials )  
To be brought to school by the end of November please.

### Support Your Child At Home

- Please share your child's reading book with them and other books you may have at home and sign in the reading record book please.
- Ask your child questions about the text to develop their comprehension skills. (What do you think will happen next? How is this character feeling? etc).
- Encourage them to ask you questions about the story too.
- Practise their letter sounds when they bring home their phonics book and help them complete the homework task (drawing objects/sticking in pictures of items beginning with the letter sound taught in class). Practise the keywords.
- Read numbers in the environment, practise counting and naming 2d shapes.
- Any books/items supporting our current topic (autumn and British wildlife animals) would be much appreciated for our central display in the classroom.

### Class Information

- Mrs Elvish is the class teacher. Mrs Barros and Mrs Berry are the class teaching assistants.
- **P.E. Days:** Tuesday morning with the sports coach and Friday afternoon with Mrs Elvish. Please can ALL PE kit and school uniform be labelled. PE days are sometimes changed, so please ensure your child's PE kit is in school every day. Thank you.
- **Homework:** Please share your child's reading book with them and sign in their reading record in order that we can tally the number of reads at the end of every half term and hopefully award them with a certificate at our celebration assembly. Please practise their letters sounds with them and support them with their homework task, as explained above. Practise reading the keywords.
- **Picking Up:** Please can you let me know if your child will be picked up by another adult and whether this is regular or a one - off. This will help when dismissing the children.
- **Drinks:** Please ensure your child has water and **not squash**. Each child under 5 years of age receives free milk daily. If you child is 5 you can order milk for them. Please ask at the school office.

## RE

Prayers, Saints and Feasts – This unit explores Family relationships and friends. The children will learn about Jesus growing up and his special friends, the disciples. This will give the children the opportunity to think about how we care for each other.

Advent - The children will learn that Advent is a special time when we get ready for the birth of Jesus.

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## Computing

- Children will learn the e-safety rules for the classroom.
- To practise their mouse skills when using simple programs.
- To continue to learn how to use the beebot.
- To recognise different items of technology in the environment.
- To develop their knowledge of simple programs.

## Expressive Arts and Design

- Role play both inside and out (Percy's hut)
- Making leaf hedgehogs with leaves collected from Stourhead.
- Colour mixing and painting animals
- Making and **evaluating** animal masks
- Christmas cards
- Christmas decorations

## Physical Development

- PE - this is taught by our professional PE coach, Miss Darch on a Tuesday morning.
- On a Friday (with Mrs Elvish) we will be either in the hall using the gym equipment, or outside learning how to skip with skipping ropes.

## Expressive Arts and Design Music

- Using instruments and singing songs about our senses.
- Learning songs for Christmas and the Nativity.



## Communication and Language Reading and Writing

- The children will be learning about the character Percy the Park keeper and the story After the Storm.
- They will learn the Talk for Writing approach which will give them the opportunity to role play the story with props and retell the story using sequenced pictures and a story map.
- They will have opportunities to apply their phonics knowledge when writing, by identifying some of the sounds in words.
- Daily phonics will include blending and segmenting letter sounds with a focus on cvc words. Keywords will also be introduced.
- There will be lots more opportunities for writing in the role play too (Percy's lists of jobs for the park, posters etc)

## Mathematics

- The children will be learning about 2d shapes in the environment and their mathematical properties.
- The children will be exploring different ways of measuring.
- Consolidating counting numbers to 10 and then extending learning by adding single digit numbers together.
- Learning how to count one more or one less.

## Understanding the World

- The children will learn about the season of autumn and the changes in the environment. Our autumn walk to Stourhead with the buddies will take place in week one.
- They will learn about Percy's animals (British wildlife animals) by looking at photos, reading non-fiction books and watching some film clips.
- This will enable the children to describe the animals' features and find out about their habitats.

