



Our Reception Term 1 2015 Family Learning Journey is:

# Autumn at school.



## Helping your child at home

Developing a love for books from an early age is very important. You can help your child at home by reading and talking about stories with them. On occasions let your child tell you a story using the pictures and encourage them to point to the words as they are reading/retelling.

When your child is given a phonics reading book let them read to you (we suggest 5 minutes a night or a little longer every other night) and write a comment in their reading diary.

Practise letter and number formation and look for different letters and numbers in the home and out around the town. Complete home learning activities with your child. These activities are meant to be fun and will build upon what your child has been learning in school. These activities should take no longer than 30 minutes. Remember: Don't let home learning become a chore. Keep it fun and make it a special time that you both look forward to.

## Events this term

Friday 23rd October the academy closes for half term.

## Stories we will be reading this term

The Little Red Hen

Elmer

We will also share a range of stories about starting school.

Please enjoy them at home with your child.

## Learning Overview

This term our theme is "Autumn at school".

We will be learning about ourselves and the local environment. We will be thinking about families, homes and different celebrations. We will learn about what we look like and how to care for ourselves and others. We will learn about feelings and how different things make us feel.

The children will have the opportunity to bring in an all about me box and share this with their friends. The children will talk about how they have changed since they were a baby and how they think they will change in the future.

In our PE sessions we will also be exploring different ways of moving and most importantly learning how to get ourselves changed into our PE clothes and then changed back into our school clothes. You can help your child at home in preparation for PE by allowing them to get dressed for school by themselves.

We will begin to consider sounds we hear in the environment and letter sounds we hear in words. Children will be developing pencil and early writing skills in a variety of contexts. We will build reading skills by sharing books individually and as a whole class.

We focus on recognition of numerals and accurate counting in different contexts. Children will consider the value and sequence of numbers. We will also be working with shapes, using vocabulary to talk about the size and shape of objects.

Dear parents and carers,

We are looking forward to getting to know your children as they settle into their new routine. Equally, we are looking forward to getting to know you and working together to enable you to feel part of our academy community. Please do not hesitate to speak to us if you have a query, however small.

We hope your children will have lots of learning to share with you and new ideas to talk about.



## Helping your child at school

Please help your child to become more independent and to remember:

**their coat**

**a named water bottle**

**P.E kit**

**their book bag and reading book**

**their library book**

**These should be in school every day.**

Children are **NOT** allowed to participate in P.E. lessons wearing earrings, please remove them on **Wednesdays and Fridays**. Please also make sure long hair is tied back on these days.

**Please make sure your child's school uniform and PE kit has their name in it.**