



Palmers Cross Reception Autumn Term 2023

Welcome to Palmers Cross Primary.

We hope that you all had an enjoyable summer!

We are looking forward to enjoying a fun filled learning experience this year. Below is an overview of what your child will be learning this term.

During the week 13th November – 17th November, we will be celebrating Nursery Rhyme week. Children may come to school dressed as their favourite Nursery rhyme character on

Monday 13th November. We can't wait to see who they will be. A reminder will be sent out nearer the time.

Communication and Language

Communication and language is at the heart of our daily teaching and learning. We will develop our speaking, listening, understanding and attention and understanding skills daily during circle time, story time, songs, rhymes and child-initiated learning experiences.

Phonics

Daily phonic sessions will take place, where we will learn phonemes and helpful words following the DFE accredited Floppy's Phonics scheme.

This term the phonemes that will be taught are s,a,t,p,i,n,m,d,g,o,c,k,e,u,r,h,b,l,l,f,ff,ss.

Children will use their phonic knowledge to begin to segment and blend words.

We will host a phonic workshop this term where we will be able to find out how we teach phonics in school and support you to support your child at home with their early reading. More information will be sent out about this.

Literacy

Within Literacy lessons, we will learn to write our names accurately, with improved pencil grip and letter formation.

We will also be introduced to the Biff, Chip, Kipper and Floppy from the Oxford Reading Tree scheme. Additionally, we will begin to identify and match phonemes to words and practise the written formation.

Physical Development

We will receive two taught sessions of PE each week, but we will also have daily access to our outdoor classroom, allowing our gross motor skills to be refined.

We will also improve our fine motor skills, ready for early writing, by taking part in daily fine motor activities such as cutting and threading.

PE sessions will take place every Tuesday and Wednesday, led by Soccer 2000 coaches.

Please ensure that your child's PE kit has your child's name in it, and that indoor pumps and outdoor trainers are provided.

Mathematics



This term we will be exploring a number each week up to 5 through regular visits to Ten Town.

Children will learn to recognise arrangements of objects up to 5 by sight, form the numerals, explore the composition of each number and finally begin to learn their number bonds to 5.



At Palmers Cross Primary, our topics are based on Dimensions. This term our whole theme is communication. In Early Years, our topic for the first half term will be 'Humpty and Friends', and then move onto 'Tell us a Story' after our half term break. We will use our topics as a basis for planning the different areas of the curriculum where possible.

All our learning takes place though a mix of adult led and child-initiated sessions, both indoors and outdoors. The children guide our learning wherever possible.

Understanding the World

Through all areas of the curriculum, especially topic, children will develop their knowledge of Past and Present, The Natural World and People, Culture and communities. They will enjoy relating their experiences to those they are learning about.

Expressive Arts and Design

Children will develop their imagination and artistic skills by exploring, using different media and materials, and engaging in role-play, music and dance.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Through all areas of the curriculum, we will develop our skills surrounding making relationships, self-confidence and awareness and managing their feelings and behaviour.

RE

RE will be taught through all of our areas of learning, especially PSED. This term we will be learning about the Sikh festival of Diwali, and the Christian celebration of Christmas.

Welly Wednesday

Each week we shall take part in outdoor learning activities.

ALL children will need a pair of wellies to stay in school each day, and especially for this session. Please ensure you write your child's name inside.

Homework

Homework will be in a purple book. Words to learn alongside phonics will put in here for your child to read at home. Please send this back into school on Wednesdays, so where appropriate work can be put in to go home again on Friday. In Reception, this will not take place every week. Reading books will be sent home when your child is ready. They will initially be changed every two weeks. Reading books will be accompanied with a reading diary. Please comment in their reading diary when you hear them read.