DIXONS ALLERTON ACADEMY

CURRICULUM MAP

AUTUMN 2

Reception

Communication and Language

This half term, children will build their speaking and listening skills by listening to longer stories, answering simple questions about what they have heard, and taking part in longer conversations with their peers. They will learn vocabulary linked to sequence (e.g. first, next, after that) and use conjunctions such as and and because to extend their sentences. At home, encourage your child to answer questions in full sentences and engage in back-and-forth conversations.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Now that children are settled into school routines, they will focus on taking turns, sharing resources and developing positive friendships. They will learn to recognise and respond to the feelings of others and explain what they are doing during independent learning using full sentences. Children will also continue to develop their independence by changing for outdoor learning each day. At home, encourage your child to dress themselves and fasten their own coat to build confidence and independence.

Physical Development

Outdoor learning remains a key part of our day, with children spending around half of their time learning outside. This half term, we will develop balance and gymnastics skills through climbing, balancing and jumping safely from different heights. Children will also continue to develop their pencil grip, practise writing their names and form letters taught in phonics. Through our story Goldilocks and the Three Bears, we will explore the ingredients used to make porridge and learn about healthy food choices.

Literacy

This half term, children will learn the letters of the alphabet, hear initial sounds in words and begin to write these sounds. Once they can blend simple words, they will take home a phonics book matched to their learning. Children will also develop early writing skills by giving meaning to their marks and sharing their ideas with adults. Through our core story, they will answer questions about characters and events, make simple inferences about feelings, and sequence familiar stories.

Mathematics

This half term, children will develop their understanding of number through counting and cardinality, learning that the last number counted tells us how many there are. They will use objects and fingers to count accurately and represent numbers. Children will also explore 2D shapes, including circles, triangles, squares and rectangles, while learning vocabulary such as straight, edge, point and curve.

Understanding of the World

This half term, children will learn about significant events from the past, including Remembrance Day and Bonfire Night, and use time vocabulary such as today and yesterday when discussing their own experiences. Through stories and discussion, they will explore how things change over time, including toys from the past and present. Using Goldilocks and the Three Bears, children will learn about different bears and their habitats, explore life in the Arctic, and develop their map skills by identifying key features of Allerton, including the woods, reservoir, church and school.

Expressive Arts and Design

This half term, children will continue to develop their creativity through art, inspired by the work of Kandinsky. They will build on previous learning while developing drawing and observational skills using a range of materials to express their ideas and feelings. Children will also create imaginative small worlds using blocks and construction kits, designing castles, vehicles and other structures to support their play and storytelling.

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Key Reminders for This Half Term

- Please make sure that all your child's clothes and belongings are labelled with their name. It is hard to locate a jumper that has no name! We have 60 jumpers that are all size 3-4 so please make sure they are labelled!
- As the weather become colder, please ensure your child is sent to school with a warm coat, a hat and gloves. We will still be learning outside in the cold and hopefully snowy weather!
- We are pleased to welcome you into school for stay and learn sessions every Friday morning 8.30-9am. This is a chance to spend 1 on 1 time with your child in their Reception classroom and get to know some of the other parents/ carers.

- **Farrah class Christmas performance and craft morning: Thursday 10th December**
- **Peake class Christmas performance and craft morning: Friday 11th December**
- **Parents evening night 1- Monday 7th December**
- **Parents evening night 2- Friday 11th December**
- **Christmas fair- Monday 14th December**
- **The last day of school is Friday 18th December**
- **We come back to school on Monday 4th January**

OUR VALUES

HAPPINESS
We care for each other and enjoy learning together.

INDUSTRY
We work hard, take pride and never give up.

RESPONSIBILITY
We do the right thing and make a positive difference.