What is my child learning at school this half term?
Reception - Autumn 2

LILY LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Literacy
We are learning to….
- write our name
- write initial sounds
- read some cvc words (consonant-vowel-consonant)
- attempt to write some simple cvc words.
- engage in story times, joining in with repeated phrases and actions
- begin to answer questions about the stories read to us
- enjoy an increasing range of books including fiction, non-fiction, poems and rhymes

Personal, Social and Emotional
We are learning….
- To begin to develop friendships
- To have positive relationships with staff
- To identify when another child is upset and respond appropriately
- To begin to consider the feelings of others
- To become engrossed in activity
- To keep trying if something is difficult or challenging
- To identify a wider range of feelings e.g. frustrated, nervous, worried

What makes our school special?
We will be taking part in activities themed around Our School. We will be identifying geographical features of our classroom and playground, making a map of our classroom and comparing our school to others around the world. We will read the stories 'The Everywhere Bear' and 'Our Class is a Family', and non-fiction texts 'Martha Maps it Out' and 'My School, Our World'.
We will also plan activities based on the children's interests to create an engaging learning environment inside the classroom and in the outdoor provision.

Expressive Arts and Design
We are learning to….
- use colours for a particular purpose
- share our creations
- perform a song in the Christmas Play
- begin to build up a repertoire of songs
- use costumes and resources to act out narratives
- explore shape and pattern
- know how to work safely

Communication and Language
We are learning to ….
- begin to use some active listening skills e.g. face the speaker, body still
- understand how and why questions
- answer questions in front of whole class
- articulate their ideas in well-formed sentences and use new vocabulary
- engage in non- fiction books.
- retell a story once we have developed a deep familiarity with the text, some as exact repetition and some in our own words.

Home learning

Autumn Walk
Go on an Autumn walk. Can your child count ten sticks? Ten leaves? Ten conkers? Ten birds? Ten dogs? Ten jumps? Ten claps?



Cutting Skills
Practise cutting by cutting making a paper chain. You can use these to decorate for a special celebration this term.

Here's a 'How To' video:
http://bit.ly/45TYHrh



Understanding of the World
We are learning to….
- talk about how Christmas is celebrated
- know about and recognise the signs of Autumn and Winter.
- follow a simple map of the classroom.
- know the name of the city the school is in.
- know the name of the town the school is in.
- know the capital city of England.
- name the planet we live on.

Physical Development
We are learning….
- To balance, run and stop, change direction, jump and hop
- To cross over the middle of my body with opposite hands and feet
- To explore different ways to travel using equipment
- To begin to use anticlockwise movement and retrace vertical lines
- To hold scissors correctly and cut along straight and zigzagged lines
- To use a tripod grip and write taught letters using this

Maths
We are learning….
-To use the vocabulary of size to compare objects
-To know that the last number we count shows how many
-To count carefully
-To know one number can be made up of other smaller numbers
-To compare groups with 'more than' and 'fewer than' and 'equal'