



Play. Learn and Grow... Together!

Ordsall Primary School



What we are learning during the autumn term in Reception...

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

This term, the children will be learning how to play kindly, share and take turns. We will be practising listening carefully, following instructions, and looking after our new classroom together. The children will talk about what makes them special, how to keep safe and healthy, and ways we can help others, all linked to our school's RESPECT values. They will also be making new friends and building positive relationships with their teachers and adults in school.

Communication and Language

Through stories, songs and role play, the children will build confidence to listen, talk and share their ideas. They will be learning new words and practising how to have conversations with both friends and adults. We will also be encouraging them to answer simple questions and begin to ask their own to help their understanding.

Physical Development

The children will be developing their strength, balance and coordination through climbing, running, jumping and playing games. We will be practising important fine motor skills such as holding a pencil, using scissors, and managing zips and buttons to help them become more independent. This term, the children will also begin forming lowercase letters correctly and learning to write their own names. They will enjoy weekly PE sessions and daily outdoor learning. PE sessions will take place on Wednesday mornings. For now, children can join in wearing their school uniform, there's no need to worry about PE kits until the Spring term, a reminder we will be sent out later in the term. We're really looking forward to getting the children moving and active each week!

Literacy

We will be enjoying lots of exciting books together, talking about the characters and what happens in the stories. The children will also have opportunities to look at books independently, turning pages carefully and using pictures to retell stories. They will be introduced to letter sounds, having daily phonic sessions, and begin practising how to write each letter correctly, using these skills to start writing their names. Each Thursday, children in Reception will bring home a 'reading for pleasure' book to enjoy and share with their family. This storybook can be kept at home for the week and returned the following Thursday. As the term progresses, and especially into the Spring term, children will also begin to bring home a reading book that matches the phonics they are learning in school. This will give them the chance to show off their new skills and read to their families with growing confidence. Every child will also have a reading diary. We kindly ask you to add comments when you have read together at home. Thank you for your support in helping foster a love of reading

Mathematics

The children will explore numbers through counting, sorting and simple adding. They will learn to recognise numbers to 5, count reliably to 5, and begin to understand how numbers are made and compared. We will also be practising subitising (recognising amounts without counting) to 3 and counting verbally to 10. Alongside this, we will explore 2D shapes and patterns through songs, games and practical activities.

Understanding the World

This term, the children will talk about their families and people who are special to them, as well as learning more about where they live. We will explore the local environment, seasonal changes, and begin thinking about the past and present. The children will also have opportunities to learn about different people, places, cultures and celebrations.

Expressive Arts and Design

The children will enjoy creating their own artwork using paint, collage and craft materials. They will use their imaginations in music, singing, dancing and role play, and will begin to use storylines in their play. We will sing and dance together as a class, learning a wide range of songs.