Holy Trinity
C of E Primary Academy and Nursery
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Reception: Autumn Term 2026

Welcome to the Autumn Term!
A huge well done to all the children for settling into Reception so beautifully.

During the first few weeks of the term we will be getting to know the children through play based learning experiences. We will explore the Reception environments inside and out, discuss and agree our class rules, and the children will become familiar with the daily routine.

This half term, our literacy focus will be Story Dough. It is an exciting approach which encourages children to explore storytelling through play, imagination and creativity. Story Dough supports children in developing their language and vocabulary, rhyme, mark-making, make-believe, mathematics and storytelling skills. Story Dough is a fantastic way to develop children's fine motor skills, helping to strengthen the muscles in their hands and fingers, which are important for developing their pencil control and supporting their writing skills.

Alongside this we will be planning learning opportunities using the children's fascinations and interests. We will be sharing a wide range of books, rhymes, poems and songs linked to seasonal changes and festivals, and we will be learning about Autumn and Harvest. If you would like to share any ideas for any of the learning we will be doing we would love to hear from you.

Your child will shortly be given a reading for pleasure book to share at home. Please encourage your child to handle the book correctly, start at the beginning, turn the pages over one at a time, and talk about what is happening in the illustrations. As your child learns letters in their Phonics sessions they will be given a reading book with words in.

Each week, every class teacher chooses their 'star of the week'. As the children settle into our class the family of the 'star' will be invited to a special assembly on Fridays at 11.00am.

As a church school, our learning takes place through Christian Values. Our overarching school value is 'Hope'. The children will be looking at how this value links to our topics and how they can display our value in their everyday lives. If you see your child, or any member of the Holy Trinity community displaying any of our core values, we'd love to hear about it. We will be awarding children who go above and beyond to show our values a special 'Values Champion' award at the end of each half term.

Finally, if you have any special days which you celebrate as a family please could you let us know? It is great for the children to learn about the traditions and customs that their friends celebrate.

If you have any questions or thoughts about any of the above, please do not hesitate to ask.

Many thanks,
Mrs Meddins, Miss Cook, Mrs Owen and Miss Thomas.

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These are some of the books we will be enjoying in class during this half term:











