

Juniper Hill School

Information for Reception Parents

Term: *Autumn 1* **Topic:** *Seasons/Autumn*
Two-week topic, starting 13.10.25 and resuming week after half-term

Literacy

This week, we will be going on a walk around the orchard and looking for signs of Autumn, using our senses to explore our surroundings. We will also be developing our vocabulary whilst thinking of words to describe what we have seen. We will be reading some fiction and non-fiction books centred around forest animals and comparing how these books are different and similar. We will be continuing with our daily phonic lessons where we will learn to read and write: c, k, u & b.

Maths

We will be counting all the different autumn things we find and sorting them by colour/shape/size etc. We will be exploring numbers to 3, including subitising amounts to 3, 1 more and 1 less for numbers to 3 and looking at the composition of numbers to 3. E.g. 2 and 1 make 3. We will be beginning to learn these facts from memory. We are also going to be looking at measurement and comparing the length of different things including the use of the correct mathematical language long, tall and short.

Topic work

We will be exploring Autumn through using different art techniques, such as printing with different Autumn objects, as well as learning about signs of Autumn and the changes from Summer. We will be thinking about animals that hibernate through the winter months. After half-term, we will have a particular focus on hedgehogs, where we will role-play Mrs Tiggywinkles vet roles and bake hedgehog biscuits.

Ways you can help

You could go out on an Autumn walk, looking for signs of Autumn. We would welcome any Autumn objects such as colourful leaves, conkers, acorns etc. that you may find. Please note that we will not be able to return these! Any stories that you have about Autumn or hedgehogs would also be welcome. (Please name so we can return them to you!)

As the weather is getting colder, children will need to be wearing their coats in school. Please encourage children to put their coats on themselves, as this helps build their independent skills. If you would like to be shown a useful technique we use in school, we are happy to show you! 😊

Reminders

Please remember to write in your child's orange reading record when they practise reading and writing the sounds they have brought home. Please can you check that your child's clothing and water bottles are still named. Some of the names have come off or have been washed out and this make it difficult for us to repatriate lost items to their owners.

BOOK SWAP: 17th October. *Read the newsletter for more info.*

NEXT WEEK: *We will be learning about Diwali and will require your cooking consent forms in in order for your child to take part in food tasting. If you have any questions, please ask your teacher.*