

# Reeth and Gunnerside Schools



## Communication and Language

This term will allow for lots of opportunities to further develop our listening and questioning skills. We are looking forward to sharing and enjoying a range of themed books, including *Ferdie and the Falling Leaves*, *Leaf Man* and *A New House for Mouse*. We will also learn songs and poems linked to Autumn and harvest.

## Personal, Social and Emotional Development

As we settle into being at school, we will learn and practise our classroom rules and routines. We will enjoy spending time playing with friends, new and old, and will become more able to extend and elaborate play ideas.



## Physical Development

Our PE lessons will begin with us developing our agility through playground games such as 'What's the Time, Mr Wolf?' We will also enjoy using the parachute to develop our arm strength!

Our focus for fine motor control will be on learning to form our letters correctly using an appropriate pencil grip. Nursery children will have lots of opportunities to mark make and develop their finger strength, too.

## First Half Autumn Term 2024

### Early Years

### Our Projects: All About Me and Autumn



## Literacy

Our Reception children will start on their reading journey and begin learning phase 2 sounds following the *Little Wandle* phonics scheme.



Our Nursery children will develop their speaking and listening skills through a range of activities, music making, rhymes and songs.

## Mathematics

Our learning will see us exploring the early maths concepts of sorting and matching, exploring patterns, and the beginnings of the number system.



Our number work will focus on consolidating the key skills of counting, comparing, subitising and representation, beginning with the smaller numbers.

## Understanding the World

We will talk about how we have changed since we were babies and who our family are.

As part of our learning about seasons, we will find out about autumn and what changes it brings. We will investigate how animals begin to get ready for winter and which animals hibernate or migrate. We will explore the different fruits and vegetables that are harvested at this time of year we will find out about Harvest celebrations as well as the festival of Diwali.

## Expressive Arts and Design

Our theme of Autumn will provide lots of opportunities for creating artwork, such as apple printing, leaf art, and observational drawing of birds as well as different fruit and vegetables.



We will also make clay Diya lamps to celebrate the festival of Diwali and create colourful patterns linked to Bonfire Night.

## Helping at home

- As our phonic programme begins, Reception children will be given wordless books to share at home. Wordless books are a great way to teach reading behaviours. Talk about the pictures and get them to make links to their own experiences.
- Reception homework will be handed out on Fridays. Please support your child as needed to complete their task. Thank you!
- Ask your child about their day! Talking and listening are important skills, so share your news, too.