

Autumn Newsletter

Welcome to Early Years at Berkeley Primary School! Each term we will send a newsletter that shows what we have been up to in Reception and Little Jesters. We will also give any key dates for your calendar.

It has been lovely to welcome lots of new families to our school and we think you will all agree that the children have been amazing. They have settled into their new settings well and we are looking forward to the year ahead.



Calendar Dates

Friday 14th October
Harvest festival
Thursday 20th October
Last day of term
Friday 21st October
Inset day No school for children
Tuesday 1st November
First day of term 2
Thursday 3rd November
Parents evening for school
Thursday 10th November
Parents evening
Thursday 17th November
Flu vaccinations
Monday 21st November
School Photos
Thursday 24th November
Parent look in
Thursday 15th December
Reception and KS2 Nativity
Friday 16th December
Treat day 1 / End of Term 2



Reception Highlights

We have had a super start to the new school year and the children have settled well into the Reception Class, learning the routines and expectations of school and forming new friendships.

Our topic this term has been "Our World" and we have talked about and made pictures of our families, describing people who are familiar to us. We have also been developing our listening skills, for example, during fun games in PE and understanding why listening is important.

In literacy we have enjoyed reading lots of stories including The Colour Monster, The Tiger who came to Tea, Dear Bear and Pumpkin Soup. We have also begun to learn Phase 2 phonics, including how to say, read and write individual sounds and letters and how these can be blended together to make words.

In maths we have been developing our counting skills, identifying how many objects are in each set and learning new counting rhymes.

We have also been busy exploring the natural world around us, learning about the seasonal changes in Autumn, making beautiful leaf pictures and creating hedgehogs using clay and twigs.

Next term our topic is "Ice Ice Baby". We will learn about different regions in the world and compare life there to our own, looking at the different animals that live there. We will also spend lots of time practising our nativity performance, due to take place on Thursday 15th December!

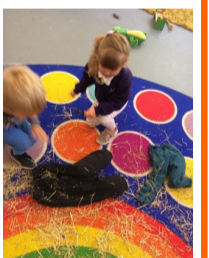
Little Jesters Highlights

What a busy start to the first term in Little Jesters. At the beginning of the term we chose to look at the topic "all about me" talking about our families and who we live with. The Jesters have been making their own houses with sticks and drawing their families inside them. We have also looked at self portraits, playdough faces and looking closely at other types of families, including animals. Harvest has also been another topic we have looked into from vegetables to making scarecrows.

In Jesters we have a focus book every two weeks which we look at closely and create activities related to that story. We have looked at this term; Colour Monster, Monkey Puzzle, A Quiet Night In, Room on the Broom and Pumpkin Soup and Scarecrows Wedding.

We hope you have managed to find our Instagram page so you can keep up to date with Little Jesters day to day activities. The blog can also be found on the main website.

Next term after Half term, we will be marking different cultures and their celebrations with lots of exciting events coming up.



Say Hello to Misako

You may have noticed Misako has joined Little Jesters. Misako will be in our setting until December. The children have loved getting to know her already!