

# Autumn Newsletter 2016

Dear Parents / Carers / Guardians

Whether you managed to go on holiday, or enjoyed the weather from home, we hope you have had a lovely summer. It is lovely to see the children again, and we are all looking forward to the year ahead.



The pupils' timetable has only a few moderations since last year. Sessions are often sensory based and are planned in order to enhance the children's communicative and social skills, their independence, and life skills.



On Mondays, the pupils will take part in a forest school session which will be delivered by our forest school specialist and teacher, Claire Atkinson. PE will now take place on Wednesday mornings, with our sports coordinator, Kerry Moore. As you are already aware, we have resumed our weekly Friday trip to soft-play. The pupils will

continue to take part in personalised programmes, designed to meet each of their individual needs.

Like last year, lessons will often enhance our termly topic, 'pantomime' where we are initially starting with 'Jack and the beanstalk.' Pupils will continue to take part in food technology once per week. Children will access the school's food technology room and will create a range of dishes either linking to foods eaten at the theatre, or recipes inspired by the pantomime. The children will purchase their ingredients for food technology in their weekly session, numeracy in the community. In addition to numeracy in the community, most of the children will continue to take part in a weekly numeracy session where activities and targets will be personalised to each individual's ability.



Science will incorporate experiments linking to this class topic and will also include



experiments and activities linking to our termly programme of study, 'Humans'. RE continues to take place on Wednesdays, where activities will relate to the story 'Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dream Coat'. Pamela, our music teacher, will continue to work with the children once per week. Tuesday afternoons will remain as our community links session, where pupils will be given the opportunity to experience the local area, and to also develop their social skills.



Communication sessions take place three times a week. Pupils will take part in a session with SaLT, Nicola Leonard, where the pupils will be working on their individual communication programmes. One communication session will be topic based and is led by our lead teacher Abi Cowie. Our final communication session will focus on the development of early reading and

literacy tasks; a communication session in the sensory room will run simultaneously where the pupil will engage in Intensive Interaction and people play activities. The children will be continuing to take part in their weekly communication in the community session, which involves visiting local cafes within the community. Additionally, the children will continue to access sessions working with Nicola and the class OT Asia Kozsuta, which aims to develop play-skills, interactive skills and joint attention.



Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions and/or concerns you would like to discuss.

Yours sincerely,

Ruth and Team.