

Our favourite five stories:



Our Fairytale Focus:  
Goldilocks and the three bears.

Our Nursery Rhymes:  
If you're happy and you know it  
When Goldilocks went to the house of the bears  
This little Piggy went to market  
Mary Mary quite contrary  
Five Currant Buns

### Personal, Social, Emotional Development

Feelings  
Class Rules  
Making friends  
Hygiene  
Sharing  
Independence skills  
Build confidence

### Communication and Language

Speaking and listening skills  
Engage in stories and retell stories.  
Following instructions  
Learn rhymes, poems and songs  
Learn new vocabulary  
Asking questions

### Literacy

Simple mark making  
Rhymes and songs  
Enjoying sharing books.  
Free drawing.

## Reception- Autumn 1<sup>st</sup> Half Term

Colour monster- identifying feelings, managing emotions  
Goldilocks- families, managing behaviour  
Three little pigs- our homes and local area,  
Jack and the beanstalk- growth  
Three billy goats gruff- size and shape  
Gingerbread man- baking- healthy food  
Little Red Riding Hood, oral hygiene

### Understanding of the World:

Families  
Special people  
Special events  
Talk about what they see, hear and feel  
Investigate the natural world  
Understanding of growth

### Mathematics

Key times of day, class routines.  
Exploring provision inside and out- where do things go? Positional Language.  
Match and sort, compare amounts  
Compare size, mass and capacity  
Exploring pattern

### Expressive Arts and Design

Drawing skills - sketching  
Painting skills  
Collage skills  
Portraits  
Junk modelling  
Create collaboratively  
Role play  
Explore singing and instruments

### Physical Development:

Oral hygiene and healthy diets.  
Daily dance sessions to improve arm and shoulder flexibility and strength.  
Throwing and catching  
Safety in the classroom  
Fine motor activities - dough disco, pincer grip development

September 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Reception! A special welcome to our new families who have joined us from a variety of local nurseries. We are sure you will all be very happy at Co-op Academy Friarswood. We hope you have all had a lovely summer holiday. We have had such a lovely start to the new school year and the children have settled beautifully. Please ensure you keep an eye on Class dojo as this is where messages and updates will be posted.

Starting next week we will be moving on to our themed learning where we start the week with a text and a focus on an area of learning and related activities and then see where the children's learning takes us. We will be using their interests to facilitate and extend their learning by teaching them new skills / knowledge immediately. Outlined overleaf for this half term are the different areas we will be looking at. If you haven't already **Please send in a photograph of your child with their immediate family.** This can be a physical photograph or one we can print in school from class dojo.

Every child has their own peg in the cloakroom to hang their coat, spare clothes, splash suit and wellies. Also, in the classroom a drawer to keep their sun hat and belongings. **Your child should bring a bottle with a sports lid for water every day.** We would be grateful if you could send in a box of tissues, we get a lot of snotty noses in Reception! Please do not send in any toys or teddies as these are very likely to get misplaced throughout the day.

In Reception we endeavour to instil a love of reading by sharing quality texts to the children daily. Every Monday, children will be bringing a library book home for you to share with them at home. These will need to be returned on the following Monday so a new library book can be sent home. Next week most children will be bringing home wordless reading books for you to share together. More information about home reading will come home with the books.

Thank you in advance for your half termly toast payments of £1 a week which can be paid at the start of the half term in a named envelope. As well as providing a tasty snack to start the day and fuel learning this allows us to purchase additional art materials, role play resources and replenish learning resources.

PE sessions will be on Wednesday mornings. Please ensure your child is dressed in their PE kits every Wednesday. PE kits should be a white top, burgundy or black shorts. During the winter they can come in a black sweatshirt or hoody and black jogging bottoms. Earrings should be removed, as we cannot do this and your children will not be able to join in for safety reasons.

Thanks for all your support. We look forward to a happy year, full of learning!

The Early Years Team