



BUMBLEBEES CLASS

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Growing confidence • building independence • exploring our world

WELCOME TO
Bumblebees!

A WARM WELCOME
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PE: Monday & Thursday

ENGLISH

AUTUMN 1 • OUR LOCAL WORLD

- Listen attentively, retell familiar stories, and identify characters and settings.

AUTUMN 2 • MATERIALS & CELEBRATIONS

- Sequence and retell stories; explore nonfiction and respond to questions.

VOCAB phonics • blend • segment • CVC • rhyme • retell • character • setting

MATHEMATICS

AUTUMN 1

- Subitise to 5, count to 10, compare quantities and explore composition of 1-5.

AUTUMN 2

- Explore composition of 5, partition, one more/less, repeating patterns and 2D shapes.

VOCAB subitise • quantity • numeral • compare • equal • part • whole • bond • pattern • shape

UNDERSTANDING THE WORLD

AUTUMN 1 • LOCAL WORLD

- Explore five senses, autumn changes, plants and trees; compare baby/present photos and our local area.

AUTUMN 2 • MATERIALS & CELEBRATIONS

- Explore autumn materials, ice and melting; learn about Diwali and Christmas.

VOCAB senses • autumn • observe • local • map • material • rough • smooth • melt

OUR AUTUMN ADVENTURE

We will settle into Reception routines, build friendships and become confident learners through stories, play and hands-on discovery.

✿ Curious minds • kind hearts ✿

CREATIVE DEVELOPMENT

AUTUMN 1

- Draw people, homes and familiar places; learn and perform songs and develop home/community role play.

AUTUMN 2

- Explore colour mixing, painting and joining; create celebration artwork and develop characters/narratives.

VOCAB draw • detail • colour • mix • paint • join • glue • song • pulse • role play

PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

PE • MONDAY & THURSDAY

- Develop core strength, balance and coordination; move safely over, under and through equipment.

FINE MOTOR & INDEPENDENCE

- Develop tripod grip and pencil control; manage belongings, hygiene, coats and dressing.

VOCAB move • balance • catch • aim • kick • rhythm • tripod grip • control

RE & COMMUNICATION

RE • AUTUMN 1

- Explore: Who cares for our world? Talk about caring for people and creation.

RE • AUTUMN 2 + TALK

- Explore why Christmas is special and retell the Nativity; ask questions and use new vocabulary.

VOCAB creation • God • care • church • belong • Christmas • Jesus • Nativity • celebration

HOW YOU CAN HELP AT HOME

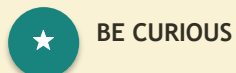
- Share a story and ask your child to retell it.
- Practise the sounds and CVC words taught in phonics.
- Count everyday objects and talk about more, fewer and equal.
- Spot shapes, patterns and numbers around you.
- Encourage independence with coats, dressing and handwashing.

Little conversations make a big difference!

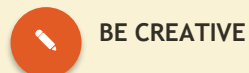
OUR BIG IDEAS



BELONG



BE CURIOUS



BE CREATIVE



GROW INDEPENDENCE



LOVE STORIES

