Dear Parents/Carers.

The children have made a very positive start to this term and have been having lots of fun making friends and learning to play alongside each other. Here is a brief outline of the topics Reception will be learning this term and a few reminders:

**In English** we will explore a variety of Autumn themed stories including *Squirrels busy day*, *Bear snores on* and *After the storm*.

We plan to listen to the stories and re-enact them in groups using puppets and through role-play.

During our story sessions we will be learning to answer ‘why’ and ‘how’ questions.

**Our topic this term is Autumn!** We will be learning about what happens during Harvest time and sampling different types of fruit and vegetables. We are planning to visit a pumpkin farm and make bird feeders for our outdoor area.

**In Maths** children will be learning to:

- Compare and sort numbers through games and messy play!
- Find 1 more or 1 less of a number.
- Sequence their daily routine.

Our Maths activities will include conker counting, comparing the size and colours of leaves and making a seed pattern.

**In Expressive Art and Design** we will be making woodland clay creatures, spiky hedgehogs and fluffy owls using a range of natural materials!

**In Music** we are learning a new song about Autumn and putting our own actions to the words. We will be performing this to the rest of the school during a special Harvest assembly.

We will be visiting Ryton Pools to explore a woodland in Autumn and to collect natural materials to work with back at school!
A few reminders…

❖ Doors open at **8:40am**. Please ensure your child is in school for **8.45am** as we need to take the register promptly and move to phonics groups.

❖ If your child rides a bike or scooter to school please ensure they are wearing a helmet. They can leave them in our new bike racks located on the KS2 playground. Please provide a secure lock.

❖ On Mondays, the children will be working on their PE skills with a focus on developing their balance and coordination through different games. They will also be working on their basic skills to dress and undress themselves. Please ensure that your child has the correct P.E kit and name all items of clothing including pumps.

❖ Exciting news! In the next week we will be sending the children home with a reading book. Please enjoy reading with your child and help them to talk about their story.

We look forward to working together with you, so that your child can achieve their personal best this year.

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs Sehmar, Mrs Birch,
Miss Pavlova and Miss P

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