



Autumn 1: Where do I belong?

This half term the focus will be 'Where do I belong?'. It is very important that the children feel settled, safe and secure when they start school, we put lots of time in getting to know the children and helping them to develop strong positive relationships with others. They will spend time learning about themselves, others, their home, their community, feelings and senses.



Autumn 2: What happens at night?

This half term the children will be learning about outer space, the moon, planets and stars, through the theme 'What happens at night?'. We will incorporate the children's interests into the different themes; these interests might include Halloween, Bonfire Night and Christmas.

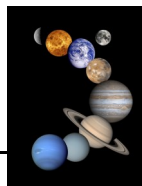


Literacy:

Children will start their journey of learning to read and write through daily phonic sessions. At Newtown School we follow the Read Write Inc programme, at the very beginning children will learn the sounds for each letter, they will practise forming the letter and then begin to read and write simple words. When learning to read it is important that children learn the skills of sounding out and blending e.g. c-a-t, cat. Children will initially practise hearing and writing initial sounds for words, then move onto write more sounds in a word then a full word etc.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development:

In their PSHE sessions this term the focus will be 'Recognising Feelings' and 'Celebrating Difference'.



Maths:

At Newtown School, we follow the Mastery in Number approach. Children will begin the Autumn term by learning how to subitise, count how many, understand that a 'whole' is made up of smaller parts and find one more and one less.



Understanding of the World:

The children will talk about their own families and their community. They will discuss who are important people in their lives. Children will link things they are learning about to their own experiences e.g. Christmas time. They will explore the natural world they live in when they learn about Autumn and discover the changes the new season brings.

Physical Development:

Children will continue to develop their fine motor and gross motor skills through activities in the provision, outdoors and through their PE lessons. They will develop their independence when getting changed for PE.

Expressive Arts and Design:

The children will develop their own stories through play. They will learn, sing and perform a range of songs and dances. They will explore a range of craft activities and build up their own forms of expression.

WOW Moments:

The children will develop their knowledge of where they live/go to school by going for a walk around the local area.

Children will perform a whole school Christmas carol concert.

