



# Reception Curriculum Newsletter

## Autumn Term 2018



Welcome and we hope you enjoyed your summer break. Our first topic this half- term is 'All About Me' and the second half term will be 'Animals'.

### **Literacy**

Our learning will be based on different books, such as sharing a shell, three little pigs and the gruffalo in line with our topics. We will be focussing on forming our letters correctly, making sure we recognise our names and beginning to use our sounds to attempt writing words.

We will also begin our Read, Write Inc phonics programme.

### **Maths**

We will begin by focussing on number, such as recognising numerals and counting up to 20, as well as, forming our numbers correctly. This will be supported by the Maths Passport scheme. Children will have individual targets, based on their current level, to work towards.

### **Physical Development**

We will be exploring how we use our bodies to move in various ways and developing our gross and fine motor skills with various activities within our indoor and outdoor environments.

### **Understanding the World**

We will be thinking about the similarities and differences between our own families and homes. We will be also be learning about different animals in different habitats.

### **Personal Social and Emotional Development**

This term we will be focusing building children's relationships. We will be helping children to play cooperatively and take turns with their friends. We will also be encouraging children to try new activities.

### **Communication and Language**

We will be developing children's confidence to speak and modelling how to structure answers in full sentences. Additionally, we will be developing the listening skills of pupils with various games and activities.

### **Reading**

We ask that all children read regularly at home to instil a love of reading. Please ensure that your child comes to school with their reading record daily. As an incentive, once they have read 100 times, children will receive a certificate and a photograph displayed in our main corridor for all to celebrate!

### **Expressive Art and Design**

Using a variety of media we will be exploring our creativity. One of our first experiences will be self- portraits.

We kindly ask for donations of recyclable materials such as cardboard boxes, cereal boxes, kitchen roll tubes, plastics bottles etc. Please no toilet rolls.

### **REMINDER**

In this first half term our main focus is to settle the children into their new environment and routines. We ask that you support us in this by encouraging your child's independence in entering the classroom each morning (from 8.30-8.45am) and do activities that will help them to identify their name.

### **GENERAL POINTS**

**Please make sure every item of your child's clothing has their name written inside.**

All children should bring a school PE kit that will be kept on their peg. This will only need to go home each half term.