



Reception Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn Term 2017



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

Literacy

In line with our theme of 'All About Me' we will look at stories about families, homes and senses to inform our learning.

We will also begin our Read, Write Inc phonics programme. You can support this at home by recognising sounds with your child within their environment.

http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/shows/alpha_blocks

Understanding the World

We will be thinking about the similarities and differences between our own families and homes. We will be celebrating festivals such as Diwali, Hanukkah and Christmas.

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.

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.

Maths

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

<http://www.ictgames.com/resources.html>

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.

Personal Social and Emotional Development

During 'Circle Time', as a class, we discuss any matters that have arisen during the week and work towards resolving these. We promote and encourage positive behaviour and a caring and respectful ethos.

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!

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 encouraging them to remove their own coat. We will support them if they require help. Parents are invited to join us each Monday morning to read with their children in their classrooms.

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.