

Reception Newsletter, Autumn Term 2017

Welcome back after the summer holidays - we hope everyone had a nice relaxing break!
Our topic for this half term is 'All about me!'.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Our Circle time will focus on getting to know each other and our 'Golden rules'. We will be learning to take turns and to listen to what our friends have to say. Before half term we will be finding out about the festival of Harvest in time for our school celebration—more details will follow nearer the time.



Communication and Language

We will be learning to listen to each other and take turns when speaking. We will be learning to 'use our words' if someone is doing something we don't like rather than using our hands! We will encourage the children to talk in a voice loud enough to hear. At home you could talk with your child about what they have done at school or about the story in their book bag.



Physical development



In PE we will be going to the hall and practising moving safely in different ways, progressing to using the apparatus. We will continue to provide activities that develop the children's threading, cutting and building skills. The children will continue to develop their gross motor skills on the equipment outside.



Reading and Writing

We will be sharing stories and non-fiction books to do with ourselves (our senses, our bodies, our families). We will continue to learn Jolly Phonics -please look on our website for some phonics resources. With your child at home you can practise writing their name, reading their school reading book and learning their sounds and action words.



Mathematics

Our maths work will focus on counting backwards and forwards to 20 from 0, recognising numbers and counting amounts. We will also continue to recognise shapes and look at their properties - number of corners/sides etc. At home you could sing counting songs and look for shapes around the home—e.g. a square window, a rectangle door.



Understanding the World



We will be talking about the important places around school and we'll visit them over the coming weeks. We will be looking at our bodies - naming the different parts and exploring our senses. We will be making our faces out of clay as well as exploring all of the ways we can shape play dough. When we visit the computer suite we will be practising clicking the mouse and moving objects on the screen. As part of our history work we will be talking about who is in our family. We will also be thinking about how we have changed from a baby—what can we do now that we couldn't do then/what we did then that we don't do now. At home you could talk with your child about your family and also how your child has changed and grown up.

Expressive Arts and Design



We will be exploring different ways to use colour - we will be painting, and drawing and simple portraits. In music we will be developing our singing skills and learning new songs. We will be exploring different instruments and the sounds they make. We will continue to develop our role play skills—we will all have a home corner for the children to work in. If you have any unwanted 'newborn' clothes, please send them into school so our role play babies have something to wear!



Things to remember!!

PLEASE make sure uniform is labelled—labelled clothes make it easier to return any uniform that has been muddled or gone home on the wrong child!!



HELP!! We aim to go outside everyday—please make sure your child brings a coat (named) —even if it is sunny. The weather is changeable at the moment and we want everyone to be able to enjoy being outside.

Please remember a voluntary contribution of 50p a week for our baking and activity fund.