



Reception Autumn 1 Newsletter



What's On

- ◆ This half term, our topic is 'All about me'.
- ◆ Our class assembly is on Thursday 19th October at 2.30pm. All are welcome!
- ◆ P.E. takes place on a Wednesday and Thursday. Please ensure children come to school in their P.E. kits on these days.
- ◆ Library books are brought home on a Friday and should be returned the following Friday so that books can be changed.

Literacy

Our Talk for Writing text this half term is **The Gingerbread Man**. We will also be looking at lots of other books related to our topic.

We will visit the library regularly and children will choose a library book every Friday that can be enjoyed at home. We will encourage children to talk about the books that they have listened to and to start showing preferences for books/songs/rhymes that they like. We will also encourage children to start giving meaning to the marks that they make.

Maths

In maths, we will be doing lots of counting and will be singing lots of counting songs to assist us with this. We will also learn the skill of subitising. This involves saying how many objects there are in a small group by 'just seeing' and knowing straight away without needing to count. We will be exploring the composition of numbers as well as comparing quantities using language such as 'more than' and 'fewer than'. In addition, we will focus on skills such as matching, sorting and patterns.

Understanding The World

We will be thinking about our family this half term and will focus on identifying members of our family and their relation to us. We will talk about what we do with our family and the places we have been with our families. We will also look at different occupations and focus on people who help us.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

This half term, we are focussing on ourselves. We will be thinking lots about what makes us special as well as discussing people who are special to us. We will also be exploring our feelings and will learn to identify and name different feelings as well as think about how to deal with 'not so good feelings'.

Expressive arts & design

Children will have lots of fun this half term as they explore their creativity through songs, dance, artwork and play. We will encourage children to use their imagination to role play with the small world toys, to build models using construction equipment and to design and create different models with the junk modelling materials etc. Linking with our topic, children will also draw a self portrait and talk about their bodily features as they do so.

Communication & Language

This half term, we are focussing on settling the children in to school and learning the rules and routines of being in reception. We will model talk routines throughout the day such as good morning, how are you, good afternoon etc. We will expect children to become familiar with this and start to use this within their everyday language. Throughout the term, children will also be encouraged to talk about themselves and their family as well as experiences that are familiar to them.

Physical Development

This half term, we will be developing the children's fine and gross motor skills in lots of ways. Children will be encouraged to thread, cut, weave and manipulate objects with their fine motor skills. They will be encouraged to hold a pencil and paint brush beyond a whole hand grasp and will practice skills like taking off shoes and putting them back on. Children will also be taking part in activities which will develop fundamental movement skills such as running, jumping and skipping.

Phonics

This half term, children will start to have daily phonics lessons which follow our scheme, Little Wandle. Children will be introduced to different sounds (phonemes) and the ways in which these sounds are represented (graphemes) in phonics lessons. Children will learn to segment and blend words orally before moving on to reading simple words using their phonics knowledge. Children will also practice their letter formation during these daily phonics lessons.

Class Assembly

Parents and carers are welcome to join us at **2.30pm on Thursday 19th October** for our reception class assembly (both classes together).



Reminder...

- ⇒ **PLEASE NAME ALL ITEMS OF CLOTHING**—JUMPERS, CARDIGANS, SHOES, COATS ETC.
- ⇒ **Water bottles** are to be brought into school daily.
- ⇒ Please continue to check **Class Dojo** consistently as we will be posting regular updates on there across the year.