

Autumn Newsletter

Class 1

Welcome to Class 1! First of all I would like to let everyone know how well the children have settled in to their new class. Every child is becoming more confident and independent in accessing resources around the classroom and it's so wonderful to see lots of new friendships blossoming! Both Mrs Townsend and I are really enjoying getting to know the children and their interests.

This newsletter contains useful information about what you should expect from the Autumn Term.

Our main topic for this half term will be 'All About Me' followed by a topic about 'Festivals and Celebrations' after the half term break. Throughout the term we will be striving to develop a love of learning in all members of our class. The best way we can achieve this is through actively pursuing the children's own interests; therefore our learning is likely to encompass a wide array of varied and interesting topics throughout the term.

Over this half term the children will be continuing to settle into their new classroom as well as developing key skills as outlined below.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

- ◆ Work as part of a group or class.
- ◆ Learn to take turns and share.
- ◆ Show increasing independence and confidence in selecting and carrying out activities.
- ◆ Form positive relationships with adults and peers.



Physical Development

- ◆ Negotiate space successfully when playing games with other children.
- ◆ Show an awareness of a range of healthy practices.

Understanding the World

- ◆ Show curiosity and interest in the features of objects and living things: ourselves and the school environment.
- ◆ Begin to use age appropriate software.

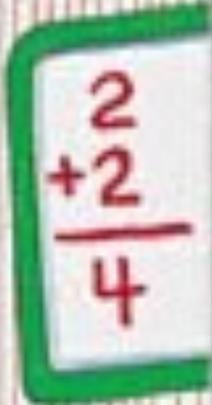


Communication, Language and Literacy

- ◆ Developing speaking and listening skills.
- ◆ Link sounds to letters, name and sound out letters of the alphabet.
- ◆ Recreate experiences using role-play.
- ◆ Use writing as a means of recording and communicating.
- ◆ Show an interest in books and reading.

Mathematics

- ◆ Read, write and order numbers.
- ◆ Recognise and name shapes.
- ◆ Compare groups of objects.
- ◆ Observe and use positional language.



Expressive Arts and Design

- ◆ Use various construction materials.
- ◆ Creates movement in response to music.
- ◆ Engage in imaginative play and role play.
- ◆ Sing songs and make music.



Other Information

- PE will be every Tuesday and Thursday morning, starting the week of the 2nd October. Please remember to name your child's clothing.
- Show and Tell - This will happen every Tuesday from the 3rd October. If your child wishes to bring a special item from home to share with the class please bring it in on Tuesday mornings and place it in the show and tell box in the classroom. Our aim is to encourage the children to leave toys at home for the rest of the week.
- Water bottles— we have found that some children find it a little bit difficult to use the water fountain to have a drink during choosing time. Therefore, if possible could you please send your child to school with a named water bottle, thank you.