

## Important Information

Children will spend the first half of the Autumn term settling into school routines and learning about behavioural expectations. We will practise our listening skills and how to sit with our legs crossed in the classroom before we begin to attend whole school assemblies.

Reception will have a timetabled slot in the hall for PE. This year our PE slot will be held on a Thursday morning, Please ensure your child comes to school in their PE Kit. They will remain in this all day. Ensure long hair is tied back and earrings are removed.



A class letter will be sent home at the end of each week to inform you of the learning and activities that have taken place at school.

We also suggest ideas for activities you should use to extend learning at home.

Our virtual class assembly will be on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November at 3pm

## Ways to help at home

We do expect all children to read daily at home. Short, sharp bursts will help your child to maintain concentration and focus. Please let us know what you've read by taking a photo or writing a message on ClassDojo.

Remember to sing nursery rhymes together. Can your child fill in the missing word at the end of a line e.g. twinkle, twinkle, little .....?

Make puppets to support story telling. Can your child join in with repetitive language in stories? Can they re-tell a story?

When you are out and about, encourage your child to recognise print in the local environment. These could include shop signs, logos and even number plates on cars.



## Reception

### Autumn Term Newsletter

## All About Me



## Our Cool World



September 2020

## Welcome to the Autumn Term ☺

During the first half of the term the children will talk about themselves and learn about each other during our topic 'All About Me'. They will explore their new surroundings at school and the local environment. They will also begin to learn about characteristics and tools for effective learning.

Our Parents' Evenings will take place by appointment on 19<sup>th</sup> October 6pm to 8pm, or 21<sup>st</sup> October 4pm to 7pm. We will let you know nearer the time how to book an appointment.

The second half of the term will focus on the wider world during the topic 'Our Cool World'. Children will learn about different festivals and celebrations in the run up to Christmas and find out about other countries and cultures along the way.

We will finish the term learning about how Christmas is celebrated by Christians and perform a traditional Christmas Nativity for the school and parents (even if this has to be shared virtually).

# What we will be learning

### Personal, Social & Emotional Development

The children will learn about our school rules and how to keep themselves safe. They will become familiar with school routines and get to know each other playing circle time games. We will talk about our own feelings, think about how other people may feel in certain situations and learn to manage our own behaviour. Building positive relationships with adults and other children will be a prime focus this half term. During play, we will concentrate on taking turns with our friends.

### Physical Development

During PE we will go outside to play racing and chasing games to help develop our awareness of space. Using ribbons and scarves to make big shapes in the air and using tools to effect changes to materials such as playdough will help us to develop strength in our hands and prepare us for handwriting.

## ALL ABOUT ME!



### Maths

Children will practise counting and recognition of numbers through play. We play games that involve ordering of numbers which will help us when we come to identify one more or one less than a given number.

### Expressive Arts & Design

We will begin to build a repertoire of songs and dances at school, especially in the lead up to Christmas. Children will explore a range of instruments and experiment with a range of textures through art and craft activities.

### Communication & Language

Children will practise sitting quietly, listening to stories and demonstrate their understanding by responding to stories with comments or questions. They will practise following one or two part instructions. We hope to build children's confidence in speaking in smaller and larger groups and extend their vocabulary through learning about different topics.

### Literacy

When listening to stories and singing rhymes, children will be encouraged to identify rhyming words and learn to continue a rhyming string. We will begin to learn letter sounds in phonics and play lots of fun games e.g. I spy. When looking at books, children will practise telling their own stories using the pictures. Children will be encouraged to make marks in shaving foam, coloured sand and draw with chalk outside. We will practise copying our first names and write labels (e.g. for our pets) thinking carefully about initial sounds in words.

### Understanding the World

In connection with harvest festivals and Christmas we shall also be looking at celebrations. We will find out about family customs and routines and talk about past and present events in our own lives. Children will also learn about current technology available to them and how to use it.