



Dear Parents

What a lovely first week we have had in Reception class. The children have been amazing, settling in brilliantly and embracing all that Reception has to offer! We are very lucky Reception teachers to have such wonderful children!

This letter will give you some information about what we will be covering this half term and some ways in which you can help your child.

This half-term as part of our Narrative Immersion we will be exploring the book 'Come To School Too, Blue Kangaroo' by Emma Chichester Clark and following on from this, our topic focus will be 'All about Me.' Some of the exciting activities we have coming up include making decorations inspired by the story, thinking about how we are all unique and special, looking at our different families and sharing happy memories.

English

In English this half term we will:

- Start learning all the individual letter sounds
- Practise correct letter formation
- Begin to recognise and write, with support, initial sounds in words
- Begin to build and segment simple words e.g. hat, pin, pig
- Begin to write simple words / sentences with support
- Using oral blending to recognise simple words
- Begin to use phonic knowledge to decode simple words



Maths

In Maths this half term we will:

- Developing our knowledge and understanding of number to 10
- Explore length and capacity
- Counting accurately using 1-1 correspondence
- Matching written and spoken numerals
- Practise correct number formation
- Shape recognition



Expressive Arts and Design

We will:

- Combine media and materials to achieve a planned effect
- Paint paper plates
- Experiment and model with clay



Understanding the World

We will:

- Take part in Harvest celebrations
- Observe and discuss changes in the environment as the season changes into Autumn
- Use technology to access educational apps
- Begin to learn about Global Goals



Physical Development

Our Physical Development activities this term will include:

- Multiflex sessions with Mr Webb, Miss Burrows and Mr Marsh are on **Tuesdays**. Children will need to come into school in their P.E. kits on these days. We recommend that the children wear trainers to school on these days and ask that you send them in non-expensive trainers that they CAN DO UP THEMSELVES! We Reception teachers are big Velcro fans!
- Wincham Mile
- Cosmic Kids (*Yoga sessions*)
- Climbing Wall
- Independent use of simple tools and modelling materials.
- Scissor skills
- Dough Disco
- Development of fine motor skills through play activities, painting, drawing etc.



Communication and Language

We will be trying hard to:




- Listen attentively in a range of situations
- Ask questions and listen to the response
- Follow one-step and two-step instructions
- Extend our vocabulary exploring the meaning and sounds of words



Ways you can help your child

- *Come to one of our “Meet the New Teacher” sessions next Wednesday 13th September. The first session starts at 3:30 and the second starts at 4:00.*
- *Each Friday (starting from 15th September), the children will bring home a new book they have chosen. Please read this story with your child and help them to complete the linked activity in their Green book. Additional reading books linked to Phonics will be provided from October half term onwards.*
- *Please watch the short Phonics videos that will be on Google Classroom from next week onwards. This will help your child to make progress with their reading and also show how you can support them with that. The children’s login details for Google Classroom will be shared with you next week.*
- *Please send your child in with a water bottle each day.*
- *As the colder Autumn days are on their way, please practise with your child zipping up coats and putting on gloves!*

Reception Team

		
Mrs Webb	Mr Bounds	Mrs Clarke

We are looking forward to a wonderful half term. As always, thank you for all your support at home. Please feel free to pop in and see us at any time with any questions/queries you might have.

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