



Dear Parents/Carers

We all feel that the children have made the most amazing start to their time here at Wincham Primary School. They have settled brilliantly and are embracing all the activities and experiences that we are providing for them. This half term, the emphasis will be on helping the children to settle in and make new friends and relationships. We will be devoting time to mindfulness and wellbeing, PSHE and PE in school.

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.

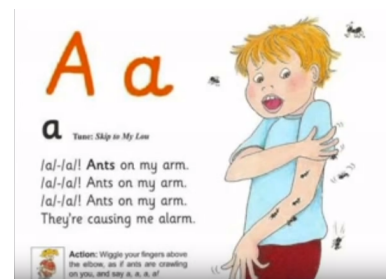
This half-term as part of our Narrative Immersion we will be exploring the book 'Only One You' by Linda Kranz and following on from this our topic work will focus on 'All about Me'.. Some of the exciting activities will include making decorations inspired by the story, thinking about how we are all unique and each one special, we will be looking at our different families and sharing happy memories.

## English

In English this half term we will be helping the children to develop their listening skills and encouraging them to join in with songs and rhymes. We have already seen the children making use of the reading den as it is a quiet place to share books with friends.

We will be encouraging them to make marks on paper using different mediums and to develop the correct pencil grip.

We will also be helping the children to recognise their own name and to begin to copy some of the letters independently.



## **Maths**

In Maths this half term we will be practicing counting skills, singing counting rhymes and playing with groups of objects. They will be developing their understanding of numbers to 5 and looking at numbers around us. We will be helping the children to count objects accurately using 1:1 correspondence. We will also be developing our understanding of 'full' and 'empty'. At home you can help by drawing your child's attention to numbers in the environment, house numbers, speed signs etc. as well as looking at everyday shapes.



## **Expressive Arts and Design**

We will be:-

- Combining media and materials to achieve a planned effect
- Decorating pebbles
- Exploring symmetry through painting
- Creating fish mobiles



## **Understanding the World**

We will be finding out about:-

- Celebrating festivals
- Observe and discuss changes in the environment as we approach Autumn
- Learning about weather conditions daily



## **Physical Development**

Our Physical Development sessions this term will include:-

- Multiflex sessions with Mr Webb on a Wednesday.



- Please ensure your child wears appropriate clothing and footwear on PE days to enable them to participate freely and safely.
- A regular run around our Wincham Mile track
- Riding a selection of bikes around the school grounds.
- Cosmic Kids (*Yoga Sessions.*)
- Independent use of simple tools and modeling 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.
- Listen to their peers without interruption.
- Follow instructions.



We will also be encouraging the children to talk to us about the things they are interested in, the things they have done at home and about the people who are special to them. We will be playing games to encourage listening skills and the ability to distinguish sounds around us.

### **Choose Book**

Each week your child will bring home a book from school which they will have individually chosen with a staff member. This will be on the same day each week. Please return it the following week on the same day so that your child can exchange it for a new book. If you could take the time to sit and share the book with your child at some point during the week that would be great.

- Look at the illustrations.
- Ask them to make predictions.
- Discuss the characters.
- At the end of the story ask them some questions about its content which will help with developing their comprehension skills, eg: setting, characters, make predictions about what they think might happen next and whether they liked or disliked the story etc.

After you have talked to them about the story ask them to draw a picture about their favourite part in their choose book on the next clean page. Initially this may take a

little encouragement. If they make any comments about the story or their picture please could you write them in quotations on the page alongside their illustration.

Some children may begin to mark-make “words” please encourage this with lots of praise and if they can tell you what they have written, again write it in quotations underneath.

Working together we will help your child progress with their reading and writing.

### ***Ways to help your child***

- *As the colder days are on their way, please practise with your child, zipping up coats, putting on gloves and fastening their own shoes. Please try to provide velcro fastenings on their shoes. They will be doing up their shoes regularly when they change in and out of their wellies during the day.*
- *Write your child’s name on every piece of clothing, shoes and equipment.*

We are looking forward to a wonderful half term. Thank you, in advance, for all your support at home. Please feel free to grab us at the beginning or end of the day with any questions/queries you might have or alternatively email us at: [butterflies@winchamcp.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:butterflies@winchamcp.cheshire.sch.uk). We check this email account each weekday before 8.30 in the morning. If you need to get a message to us urgently please call the school office on the number above.

Kind regards

Mrs Wood, Mrs Harrison, Mrs Dolan, Mrs Whittaker and Mrs MacMillan

Drawstring kit bag (labelled)	Socks, pants, skirt, trousers, leggings, t-shirt and jumper. Nappies and wipes if needed
Labelled lunchbox	Healthy lunch and a snack for morning and afternoon in a labelled box or bag. Fruit or vegetables only.
Labelled water bottle	Water only please
Trainers labelled	Velcro only please, no laces
Wellies labelled	
Family Photograph	Email to <a href="mailto:Butterflies@winchamcp.cheshire.sch.uk">Butterflies@winchamcp.cheshire.sch.uk</a>
Medication labelled	Please go onto the school website and fill in the permissions form so that we can administer it.

