



Curriculum Information for Parents

Reception (Class 1) First half of Autumn Term 2022

All About Me

Communication and Language - What we will learn at school

The children will enjoy both fiction and non-fiction texts based on our topic such as Funnybones and Me and My Body. They will be encouraged to talk about the books to extend their vocabulary. They will also be exploring sounds of words and record their ideas in both pictures and words, for example by completing a picture of their own family. The children will take part in daily phonics sessions to learn the initial sounds of the alphabet and begin to blend words.

What can be done at home

As the children get up and go to bed encourage them to take care of their bodies. Talk about the importance of washing, cleaning teeth and combing hair. Look at family photos. Talk about eye and hair colour and family likenesses.

Practice daily the sounds and words sent home in the sound folder provided. Read with your child daily and sign the red planner when you have read with them. Complete the Homework Grid for Autumn 1, tick a task once it is been completed and sign at the bottom of the page.

Mathematics - What we will learn at school

The children will be given the opportunity to count people, hands and facial features. We will be focusing on getting to know our class routines, sorting objects by size, and using positional language. We will also be sorting objects into pairs, finding the odd one out when comparing objects and we will also be carrying on and creating our own repeated patterns.

What can be done at home

Encourage the children to count in a variety of situations, when you go shopping, around the home. Encourage children to recognise numbers in their environment, e.g. on house numbers, buses, clocks etc. Look for shapes in your local environment, go on a shape hunt and see if you can spot a circle, triangle square etc.

Understanding the World - What we will learn at school

The children will explore the differences and similarities in eyes, hands, feet and ears. They will become aware of their different body parts and be encouraged to notice details and features of their own bodies. Children will talk about their immediate environment and talk about where they live.

What can be done at home

Begin to make a diary of body changes. Help your child to record in pictures or words changes such as hair cuts, new teeth and changes in shoe size and height.

Expressive Arts and Design - What we will learn at school

The children will experience working with a variety of materials to make collages of faces. They will use paint to experience colour mixing to create self-portraits. They will learn a variety of songs about their bodies and explore percussion instruments to enhance the songs.

What can be done at home

Make a rag doll friend.
Make wooden spoon puppets.
Make gingerbread people.

Physical Development - What we will learn at school

The children will learn how to warm up before active games; they will become more aware of how their bodies change. The children will also learn about the importance of healthy eating and being physical to enable our bodies to stay healthy. Outdoor learning is an essential part of our daily practice in school and we have a P.E session on a Friday afternoon.

What can be done at home

Visit a park and explore the way our arms are used to push, swing, throw and lift. Enjoy running and playing. Encourage your child to spend more time outdoors and encourage them to count outside objects, or write about what they have done outdoors.

Personal, social and emotional - What we will learn at school

The children will be encouraged to speak in a group about their home and bodies. We will play circle games to learn to take turns and understand how to behave. They will also be practicing how to get dressed and undressed by themselves. They will also begin to develop an understanding of their own and others feelings.

What can be done at home

Encourage your children to get dressed and undressed by themselves.
Talk to the children about their day and discuss what they enjoyed doing.
Play sharing games like a range of board games with your child to encourage them to share.

Religious Education

This half term we will be learning about the Creation story and the importance of the Harvest Festival. They will also learn about how special they are in their community and to God.

What can be done at home

Visit the local library and look for Bible stories about the Creation.
Make bread with your children, talk to them about the different ingredients and where they come from.

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