



Reception

Autumn 1st half term curriculum letter

Topic- All About Me

Welcome to Class 1. Each half term your child will be involved in activities that link to a topic. This half term the topic is 'All About Me'. In order for you to have a clear idea of what your child will be doing in class and to help you support your child in their learning, I will be sending home a curriculum letter which will outline the different teaching and learning tasks. I hope you find it informative and if you have any queries please do not hesitate in coming and discussing them with me.

Personal Development; The focus this half term will be helping your child to settle in to their new classroom and make friends. Time will be spent on playing games and activities that will help the children to learn each others names and learn about the qualities that make a good friend. Your child will be involved in tasks that will help them to find their way around the classroom and resources and familiarize them with the school and staff as a whole. We hope that the children will be able to visit the local church and meet some of the members of the PCC.

Literacy; The emphasis this half term is on developing an interest and enjoyment for books and stories. They will learn about the features of book covers, such as the title, author, illustrator, publisher and blurb. Your child will be encouraged to discuss the characters and plot and make predictions about what might happen next. I will be asking the children to bring in their favorite book from home which they can then share with the class and explain why they like it so much. Letter shapes (graphemes) and letter sounds (phonemes) will be taught using Jolly Phonics. Your child will bring home a book which will show you which letters have been introduced in class. Your child will practise hearing the phonemes at the beginning and the end of words and, when they are ready, in the middle of words. Reading books will be sent home at the beginning of next half term. During the next few weeks I will be focusing on laying the foundations for reading.

Numeracy; Your child will be encouraged to participate in activities that will develop their ability to sort using different criteria e.g. shape, colour and size. They will learn the names and features of a range of 2D shapes and they will use them to make pictures and in their sorting activities. The numbers to 10 will be used in a range of counting and sorting tasks.

Knowledge and understanding of the world; Your child will learn about how humans change over time. They will learn about the needs of different age groups e.g. babies, adults and elderly. They will learn about families and how they vary. Your child will discuss physical appearance, with an emphasis on recognising and celebrating our similarities and differences, and they will learn about and name different body parts. They will learn about the senses and the differences between living and non-living. Your child will be taught about the necessity of keeping clean.

PE; This half term your child will participate in Gymnastics and Early Games activities and develop/ consolidate their ability to undress and dress for PE. They will also have opportunities to participate in tasks that will help develop their fine and gross motor skills.

Creative development; The home corner area will be a house and the children will be encouraged to use their imagination and work cooperatively with others within a small group. An adult will be spending time with the children in the homecorner modeling and developing their role play. Your child will participate in a number of craft activities linked to the topic, giving them the opportunity to experience using different media in a controlled way. We will be enjoying lots of fun musical activities that will involve learning new songs, developing the children's sense of rhythm and allowing them to explore the different musical instruments.