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Reception Newsletter – Autumn Term 1

Welcome to Reception! We are really excited to be welcoming your children into Reception this year and are looking forward to getting to know them and you.

Theme:

In the first part of this half term the children will be getting to know the classroom, the routines and rules as well as getting to know each other and the adults in and around the school. It's a busy half term for a four year old!

Our general theme to begin with will be 'Marvellous Me'. The children will be painting self-portraits, writing their names, using salt dough to make their initials and cooking different treats amongst numerous other activities. They will also be talking about their own bodies and keeping themselves safe, fit and healthy. Later in the half term, we will be focusing on some familiar Nursery Rhymes and other number rhymes and encouraging the children to change some part of them to invent their own.

Maths:

Number rhymes and songs will be used throughout our maths teaching this half term to support children's understanding of number. We will also be continuing to use a resource called 'Numicon' to help the children with their counting skills and representation of number. If you look on YouTube there is a clip showing you what it is and explaining how it can be used. It is about making numbers real to children, something that they can hold and move around.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yYgwM5Z1tMo>

The children will be learning to count, order and recognise numbers to 10 and beyond and to count accurately using one number for one object (1:1 correspondence). We will be doing lots of work with the dice, counting the dots and finding the numeral to match, whilst also playing games and moving that amount of times. This could be a board game or a physical activity such as jumping as many times as the dice says. Then, when your child is ready, we will move on to simple addition sums, adding two sets of objects up to 10.

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Reading:

We place great emphasis upon reading, especially developing children's love of reading from a young age. We read to the children one to one, in small groups and as a whole class daily. We will look at the pictures, discuss what is happening and what we think might happen next, as well as how the characters may be feeling and why. Once the children join us full time we will begin asking them to choose a book from our library collection for you to share at home with them. Please could you write in your child's liaison book when this book has been shared and note any response or conversation you have had about the book.

Writing:

This first half term we will be working on the children's fine motor skills of being able to use different one handed tools and equipment with control and coordination and also encouraging the children to begin to use a correct pencil grip when writing. This will quickly lead on to the children learning to write their first name and starting to use the correct formation for the other letters.

P.E:

The children will start P.E in a few weeks. It will then take place weekly on a Wednesday. It is really helpful if all kit and P.E. bags are clearly named as things are likely to end up in someone else's bag at some stage and this will make it easier for us to find should this happen. We will mainly be focusing upon finding a space and moving safely around the hall whilst using our bodies and body parts in many different ways. We will also be using music and exploring how to move our bodies in response to the music being played. Please don't worry if your child still needs support to get dressed and undressed as we know that it takes a while to get out to PE in the first half term. We will work with you and your child to support their independence in this.

Wellies

We use wellies throughout the week in our outside area so please ensure your child has a named pair of wellies to leave in school.

Autumn 1 parent workshop

We intend to hold a workshop each half term where you will be invited into school to work alongside your child on different themes and to practise different skills. The first one will be a reading and phonics workshop and will be held on Wednesday 2nd October at 9am. It will be a chance for us to explain in more detail about how we will be teaching the children to learn their letter sounds to read and write and also provide you with a fun opportunity to make something to practise these skills. More details will follow!

We are really looking forward to getting to know you and your child over the coming year. If there is anything that you are worried about, please feel free to either catch us either before or after school.

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