

Our theme for the term is 'Ourselves'

During this half term we spend time assessing the children to develop an understanding of their individual abilities, needs and interests, before we begin the rest of our learning journey together. This helps us to tailor the curriculum to suit all individuals. We will focus on the children's wellbeing, helping them to recognise and talk about their feelings. We use the 'Colour Monster' book to engage the children.

In Personal, Social and Emotional Development,

Initially we will spend a lot of time getting to know one another and developing our confidence to speak aloud. Learning all of the classroom and school routines are key at this stage, for example: lining up, sitting in learning lines on the carpet and working together in our tidy teams. We will continue to promote good hygiene with lots of hand washing and learning to sneeze into our elbows to keep us happy and healthy.

In Communication and Language:

The children spend a lot of time developing both their speaking and listening skills through a variety of games, situations and discussions. We will use the children's 'Welcome Posters' to encourage the children to tell the rest of the class all about themselves. We have story times to help develop our listening skills.

In Physical Development:

We begin by learning how to move around safely in the hall in a variety of ways, developing spatial awareness. We will play a variety of games to support this, using our Real PE program. We will work to develop our fine motor skills such as cutting with scissors. We will also begin to teach the correct pencil grip and write names.

Please familiarise yourself with our parent/carer information boards outside the classrooms.

Library day is on a **Friday**. A selection of books will be available for your child to choose.

Our PE day is **Thursday**. Please send your child to school in their P.E. kit on this day.

Homework will go out every half term with phonics, sight words and activities for you to do with your child if you choose.

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In Literacy:

The children will begin their phonics work by consolidating their understanding of rhyme and alliteration. We will practice orally blending and segmenting sounds to make words. We will then begin to learn all the phonemes and key words gradually, alongside developing our writing. When we are ready, the children will receive a reading book and a library book to share at home.

In Maths:

This half term we will cover patterns and 2D shapes. We will look at the numerals 0-3. We will focus on number recognition, counting, more, less and even begin adding and taking away, doubling and sharing! We will also practice recognising small amounts of objects without the need to count [this is known as 'subitising'].

In Understanding of the World:

All about me, my family and my feelings are 3 of the topics we will explore together within our theme. Later in the term, we will begin to develop our understanding about keeping healthy and looking after our teeth. We will finish by looking at different people who help us in our community and begin to think about autumn and the changes it will bring.

In Expressive Arts & Design:

The children will be given lots of opportunities to explore colour, collage and painting this half term. We will begin with free painting, exploring the children's creativity. We will draw our friends and family whilst practising to add details such as expression and explore colour mixing.