

Our topic this half term is 'Ourselves'

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome those that have recently joined us in our Foundation Stage unit and we are very much looking forward to the year ahead!

As we welcome in the new school year we will focus on the topic of 'Ourselves.' Weekly topics will cover different aspects of this overall focus such as my daily routine, my family home and my favourite food. Such focus areas will help children to talk about themselves while they get to know one another and make some new friends. Children will explore their five senses and begin to understand that we are all different and unique. We have been lucky enough to get some beautiful new books this half term and we will share lots of lovely stories linked to our current topic. This could be a good opportunity to visit the school Library in search of some new stories.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

This half term we will be focusing on 'changes.' So far this year children have been faced with a lot of changes. This half term children will focus on settling into their new learning environment and getting to know their new classmates and teachers. Children will take part in lots of fun circle games as children get to know new names and interesting things about their new friends. We will begin to think about our feelings, how we feel in different situations and begin to consider the best ways to deal with them.

Communication and Language/ Literacy

This half term we will be focusing on:

- Understanding 'how' and 'why' questions
- Listening to stories with increasing attention and recall
- Using talk within pretend play experiences
- Becoming more aware of how stories are structured
- Describes main story characters and settings
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- To handle books carefully
- To follow simple instructions
- Learns new words very rapidly and is able to use them in communicating.

Mathematics: Numbers/ Shape, space and Measure

This half term we will be focusing on:

- Shows curiosity about numbers by offering comments or asking questions.
- Showing an interest in number problems.
- Counts objects to 10, and beginning to count beyond 10.
- Selects the correct numeral to represent 1 to 5, then 1 to 10 objects.
- Reciting numbers in order to 10
- Beginning to represent numbers using fingers.

Reminders

- Please ensure that your child has their book bag in school on their specified reading day (FS2).
- Please ensure that your child comes to school with a warm coat with a hood as they will access the outdoor area each day.
- Please ensure that your child has their PE kit (FS2) in school each week.
- Please ensure that your child has a spare set of clothes in school at all times.
- Please return homework each Wednesday.

How can you help?

- Introduce lots of opportunities to share stories with your child - perhaps visit the school library once a week.
- Please read with your child and practise their sight words each day - it also important that you leave feedback in your child's learning log (FS2).
- Encourage your child to be more independent e.g. putting on and zipping up their own coat, getting themselves dressed, cutting their own food at mealtimes etc.
- To be aware of number and shape in your everyday environment that could help to develop skills further.

If you have any questions please come and see a member of the foundation team. We are always happy to help if we can.

