



All About Me

Curriculum Newsletter

Class 1 - Term One

Monday 5th September 2016

Dear Parents/Carers

We hope that your child has enjoyed their first day of school and has been able to share some of the things they have been doing in class with you. We are pleased with the way that all children are settling into classroom routines and are very impressed with their confidence to ask for help when it is needed. As you know in the Early Years our seven areas of learning are Personal, Social and Emotional Development, Literacy, Communication and Language, Mathematics, Understanding the World, Physical Development, Expressive Arts and Design. We will be learning through these areas this term with our first topic **All About Me**. Throughout the topic **All About Me** we shall be finding out all about the children and getting to know them really well. I hope that your child enjoys the experience offered to them in their first term at school and that we can work together to support their learning and development.



Communication & Language

- Role play - Doctors Surgery
- Role play - Home corner
- Talking about me and my family
- Singing songs and rhymes
- Respond to simple instructions
- Listen attentively to stories
- Listen to others
- Ask questions

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

- Rules of the school and expectations from the teacher.
- Our feelings
- Role play problem solving
- Friendships
- Listening carefully
- Being on the playground
- Lunchtime

Physical Development

- Dough Disco
- Scissor Work
- Use small and large equipment and one-handed tools
- Threading activities
- Puzzles
- Small construction
- Can you follow me
- Find your body parts

Mathematics

- Counting objects and/or actions to 5 (10)
- Match number cards to numbers and/or amounts
- Daily counting using calendar, line - up, how many are here/ not here today, how many chairs at the table, how many can play here, finger rhymes

Literacy

- Listening to an array of stories e.g. *Going to School*, *Titch*
- Listening to poems
- Model robot talking
- Phonics baseline carried out ready for next term.
- Creating a class biography book

Understanding the World

- Look at the past and present in relation to me
- Investigate and use construction materials
- Ask why things happen and how they work
- Use ICT to support learning-create self portraits on IWB or iPads

The 7 Areas Of Learning in the Early Years Foundation Stage

Expressive Arts and Design

- Picture of family
- Observational drawings of faces using mirrors
- Explore different textures to create collages of own face
- Make 3D structures with construction
- Explore music, sounds and sing songs



Extra Messages and How You Can Help

Home/School Diary

You have now been given a new home school communication book in your child's book bag. This is intended as a message book between teacher and parent. Messages could be about learning at home or in class as well as messages about appointments or collections. Although we may not write in this book every day it is checked for messages daily. We also record reading opportunities at school and book changing information in the sections of the diary. I would love for you to contribute to this with a few short words about your child's reading at home, particularly when they have finished a reading book or need it changing.

Show and Tell

On a Monday afternoon we have time for show and tell. This is a time when your child can bring in something of interest to them that they would like to share with the class. This may be a photo or brochure from somewhere they have visited, something they have made or something that is extra special to them. It is kept in a safe place until show and tell time.

PE

We will now be thinking about doing our first PE lesson so can you please make sure that your child has a PE kit in school next week. Generally PE lessons will be on Monday and Thursday.

Mud Kitchen

A reminder also about bringing in a pair of wellie boots for your child to access the mud kitchen.

Useful resources and volunteers

If you are interested in becoming a parent helper, who comes in weekly to support children's learning or if you would like to support the classes learning but can't give up a weekly slot there are a few 'one off' opportunities you can volunteer for; just pop in and speak to the class teacher.

Home Learning

Reading

All children in the Early Years should now have a library book to share at home with you. Please do come and change these as often as you like. When you drop your child off into the classroom in the morning is the perfect time to make a selection together as to the book you would like to share that evening. The book box is in reading area of the classroom. If you cannot make it into class then please write a note in the reading diary and we will exchange the book with your child.

Come and join us

Every Friday morning is our 'Celebration Assembly' You are welcome to join us to share in the achievements of our children.

Please come in to our classroom, to see the children's work and displays over the next term.

Kind regards,
The Class 1 Team
Miss Metcalfe, Mrs Johnson