

Our topic for the first two terms is Knowing Me Knowing You. We will be covering the following aspects of the Early Years curriculum

## Personal, Social and Emotional Development

- Learning class routines and setting class rules.
- Naming and discussing different feelings and events that affect our feelings.

## Communication and Language Development and Literacy

- Sharing a range of books and stories as a class.
- Sharing favourite stories.
- Recognising and writing our names.
- Listening games and daily practise of blending and segmenting sounds orally.
- Activities to develop speaking and listening skills.
- **Please attend the Reading meeting for parents on Wednesday 4th October to find out how you can support your child with reading.**

## Mathematical Development

- Singing counting and number songs.
- Recognising, ordering and writing numbers to at least 10.
- Naming and describing shapes and their properties and looking for shapes in the environment.
- Exploring patterns.

## Understanding the World

- Exploring the school and grounds.
- Using a range of ICT equipment in class.
- Learning about and enjoying Divali and Christmas celebrations.
- Using our senses to explore different materials.



## Expressive Arts and Design

- Using different materials to represent ideas.
- Opportunities for exploring role-play.
- Using musical instruments, singing familiar songs and learning new ones.



## Physical Development

- Threading, playdough, peg boards, and mark-making to develop fine motor control.
- In PE, dressing and undressing, moving in different ways, finding spaces and developing control and co-ordination.
- Learning about healthy eating



## Important information

PE will be on a Wednesday morning, so please ensure your child has a full PE kit in school; t-shirt, shorts or joggers and a pair of daps. This can be kept on their peg and taken home during holidays to be washed. Long hair should be tied back for PE and preferably children should not be wearing ear-rings.

Ear-rings worn in school must be studs, not hoops as these are easily caught up when children are playing.

When Mrs Steadman, Mrs Turner and Mrs Vian have their PPA the classes will be covered by Mrs Dale and Mrs Matthews. Mrs Rogers and Mrs Derrick will also be in class.

Please ensure all clothes, lunchboxes, book bags are clearly named. Items can be mislaid anywhere in school and must be named to be identified. Book bags **MUST** be in school **EVERY DAY**. Thank-you! Children do not need water bottles as we have a water fountain.

## Important dates for your diary

Weds 4th October— 9am How to help your child with reading. Details to follow on separate letter.

Week beginning 9th October, book share with parents. Further details to follow.

17th & 19th October—Parents Evenings, 3.30-6.30pm. Please drop in to ask any questions you might have.

Tues 31 Oct— We do not celebrate Halloween at school but as our young children love this celebration they may wear Halloween dressing up clothes to school if they want to. The usual learning activities will be happening in the classroom.

Week beginning Monday 6th November— Bring a dinosaur to school for the week. On Monday 6th November we will have our first Forest School day and take our dinosaurs out onto the school field. Each term we will spend a day out on the field exploring and making. If you have them at home, please send children to school in wellies and waterproof coats. We have some wellies and waterproofs at school. Christmas information will follow in due course.

# Reception



## Term 1 and 2

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