

Autumn Newsletter

Class 1

Welcome to Class 1! First of all I would like to let everyone know how well the children have settled in to their new class. Every child is becoming more confident and independent in accessing resources around the classroom and it's so wonderful to see lots of new friendships blossoming! Both Mrs Townsend and I are really enjoying getting to know your children and their interests.

This newsletter contains useful information about what you should expect from the Autumn Term. Our main topic for this half term will be 'All About Me' followed by topics about animals and the spirit of Christmas after the half term break. Throughout the term we will be striving to develop a love of learning in all members of our class. The best way we can achieve this is through actively pursuing the children's own interests; therefore our learning is likely to encompass a wide array of varied and interesting topics throughout the term.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

- ◆ Work as part of a group or class.
- ◆ Learn to take turns and share.
- ◆ Show increasing independence and confidence in selecting and carrying out activities.
- ◆ Form positive relationships with adults and peers.



Physical Development

- ◆ Negotiate space successfully when playing games with other children.
- ◆ Hold a pencil effectively in preparation for fluent writing.

- ### Understanding the World
- ♦ Show curiosity and interest in the features of objects and living things.
 - ♦ Know some similarities and differences between different religious and cultural communities in this country.



Mathematics

- ♦ Have a deep understanding of numbers to 10, including the composition of each number.
- ♦ Subitise (recognise quantities without counting) up to 5.
- ♦ Verbally count beyond 20, recognising the pattern of the counting system.

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Communication, Language and Literacy

- ♦ Developing speaking and listening skills.
- ♦ Link sounds to letters, name and sound out letters of the alphabet.
- ♦ Recreate experiences using role-play.
- ♦ Use writing as a means of recording and communicating.
- ♦ Show an interest in books and reading.



Expressive Arts and Design

- ♦ Use various construction materials.
- ♦ Create movement in response to music.
- ♦ Engage in imaginative play and role play.
- ♦ Sing songs and make music.

Other Information

- PE will be every Wednesday afternoon, starting the week of the 3rd October. Please remember to name your child's clothing, long hair is tied back and all jewellery removed.
- Show and Tell - This will happen every Wednesday from the 3rd October. If your child wishes to bring a special item from home to share with the class please bring it in on Wednesday mornings and place it in the show and tell box in the classroom. As there is limited space in our show and tell box we would appreciate no large items. Our aim is to encourage the children to leave toys at home for the rest of the week.
- Wellies reminder— As previously mentioned in the parent PowerPoint presentation, please send a pair of named wellies for your child to keep at school. This will allow your child to enjoy our outdoor area all year round.