



Reception Class

Curriculum Newsletter



Our Learning for this half-term... Autumn 1 2018-19

Theme for this half-term: 'Mirror, Mirror'

This centres around us learning more about ourselves. We will be exploring this theme in different ways and it will run through our whole class work, group activities and our continuous provision play experiences. We will explore a particular aspect of this theme each week, as follows:

Week 1 – 'Settling In': Settling into our new surroundings, getting used to new routines and writing our 'Golden Rules'.

Week 2 – 'Look at Me': Thinking about our appearance and our feelings.

Week 3 – 'I Belong': Discussing our families, our homes and comparing and contrasting with homes from around the world.

Week 4 – 'Marvellous Me!': Sharing facts about ourselves, including likes and dislikes.

Week 5 – 'Looking After Me!' (Personal Hygiene): Learning the names of body parts, what our bodies need to stay healthy and how we can look after ourselves, with a focus on personal hygiene such as teeth brushing and hand washing.

Week 6 – 'Looking After Me!' (Healthy Eating/Exercise): Finding out more about good/bad food and what our bodies need to stay strong and grow.

Week 7 – 'My Five Senses': Learning about what our senses do and what it means if they don't work.

Phonics - We follow the DfES phonics programme 'Letters and Sounds'. This half-term we will be covering Phase Two of the scheme, which introduces the sounds different letters make, as well as the letter names. Children will be bringing home booklets for each set of letter sounds learnt and it would be useful if they could practise these regularly. They will also begin to read and write simple two/three letter words and will bring some of the 'High Frequency' words home to practise, along with the tricky words, which cannot be sounded out - *I, the, to, no, go* and *into*.

Reading – Children will read individually in school at least once a week and must bring their Reading Folder to school every day. It is very important they read frequently at home too – 10 minutes quiet reading every night makes a big difference to their progress. Please sign your child's reading record book when they have read at home.

Maths - We deliver Number and Shape, Space and Measures through fun activities including songs and games. During this first half-term we will be working a lot on recognising and naming numbers, counting by rote and counting objects. We will also start to use the terms more and less to compare numbers and quantities and will be introducing addition. The children will also begin to learn more about the properties of 2D and 3D shapes and money

R.E. – Children will take part in two R.E. sessions over each week. Our first focus topic is 'Myself' where children will be thinking about themselves, the importance of their name and what makes them special/precious to God. This will be followed by a focus on 'Belonging', where children will learn what it is to welcome and be welcomed and the meaning of Baptism.

P.E. – Our P.E time is Wednesday afternoon. This half-term the children will take part in a weekly P.E. lesson delivered by a Sports Coach from 'Little Kickers'. The sessions will cover a wide range of aims from developing specific physical skills, to fostering a sense of camaraderie and sportsmanship, all whilst ensuring the children are having fun and enjoying being active. All items of P.E kits should be clearly labelled with your child's name. Your child will come home wearing their P.E. kit each week so that it can be washed. Please ensure that kits are returned to school in time for the next P.E. lesson.