

Our Literacy Learning

We are focusing on the story 'Harry and the Bucketful of Dinosaurs go to School'. We will be linking this story to the children's own experience of starting school and the importance of being kind to others. We will be discussing different ways to help each other to feel happy and excited about school.

We will also be looking at 'The Colour Monster'. This story focuses on different emotions and helps children to identify why they feel the way they do. We will be introducing a self-registration board where the children can select how they are feeling in the morning, this will be used as a tool to have further discussions or one-to-one time with those children who need a little extra support that day.

Our Phonics Learning

In phonics we will be learning the sounds: s,a,t,p,l,n,m,d,o,c,k,ck,e,u,r,h,b,f,l. The children will learn the sound (phoneme) and how it is written (grapheme). Embedding these new sounds will also be supported through a variety of activities within provision.

These tricky words will also be introduced: I, is, the.

You could help your child with their Literacy learning by:

- Sharing books
- Blending sounds into words e.g., can you get your h-a-t? Can you touch your h-ea-d?
Asking questions
- Listening to rhymes
- Recognising their name
- Writing their name

Websites:

<https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resouces/for-parents/> [Nursery Rhymes and Songs - BBC Teach](#)

Reception Newsletter

Autumn 1



**I am Incredible!
Getting to know our teachers and friends.
All about me and my family!**

This theme is all about children transitioning into school in a positive and purposeful manner. There will be a huge emphasis on establishing positive relationships with peers and adults to ensure children feel happy, safe and secure at school.

Children will begin to explore the world they live in and how we all come together to form a community at school and in the local area by comparing neighborhoods, houses and families.

Children will begin to develop a sense of self by investigating their own personal features and creating self-portraits using colour for purpose.

Children will also begin to develop new relationships with peers and explore the similarities and differences between themselves and others. Children will begin to understand their own emotions and talk about how and why they may feel that way. They will be introduced to ways to keep safe, fit, and healthy with the introduction of PE and the Brush Bus. We will also begin to explore the seasonal changes of Autumn and Harvest.

Other news & updates about our class:

PE will take place on Wednesday mornings. Please make sure your child has a labelled PE kit in school. This will be sent home every half term to wash. Book bags must be brought each day, reading books will be changed every Friday.

Our Maths learning

In Maths we are focusing on reciting numbers 1 – 10 and subitizing upto 4 objects (recalling without counting). We will also be identifying one more and one less than a given number and will be linking quantity to the corresponding numerals.

You could help your child with their Maths learning by:

- Singing counting songs that focus on counting forwards and encourage the children to join in with the actions '1, 2, 3, 4, 5, Once I Caught a Fish Alive'; 'Two Little Dicky Birds Sitting On a Wall'.
- Count the steps when walking upstairs,
- Ask children to pass you specific number of items e.g. 3 spoons.
- Comment on grouping of objects "I can see 2 and 1 which makes 3"

In RE we are learning about friendship, we will also be introducing 'My Happy Mind' during PSHE sessions to support children's emotional and mental wellbeing.

Have you seen us on Twitter? We regularly post updates of the children busy at work and play. Please follow us and see what your children have been up to at school!

