



Welcome parents and carers

Reception

Autumn 1 Half term.

This is where we are right now.

Year R topics

Do you
want to
be
friends?

Sparkle
and Shine

Once
upon a
time

Are
carrots
orange?

What can
you find in
a rock
pool?

What can
you see in
Summer?

We use these topics as a stimulus for cross-curricular teaching.

Our current topic



Do you want to
be friends?

Children will be focusing on:

- Settling in and making new friends
- Learning new routines including staying for lunch
- We will be assessing children as they start – finding out if they can hold a pencil, count to 10, write their name, get their coat off by themselves etc.

Vocabulary

Each topic introduces new vocabulary. We use this vocabulary regularly.

Here are a few examples of the vocabulary which will be explored:

friendship

sharing

family

kind

together

learning

Expectations

What you can expect from us

- ◆ We will send home newsletters with information for the following week. These are sent electronically but paper copies are available on request from the office.
- ◆ We will send phonics homework on a Friday.
- ◆ We will keep you informed on your child's progress.
- ◆ We will send a story book home once a week.

What we expect from you

- ◆ Please ensure that children arrive at school ready to start at 8.45
- ◆ Please ensure all clothing and belongings including book bags, lunchboxes, coats and water bottles are labelled with your child's full name. (THEY DO NOT NEED P.E. KIT)

Personal, Social, Emotional Development PSED

- We will be learning to work as part of a group
- We will learn to initiate play with others
- We will develop confidence to talk in class
- We will learn how to look after our needs including toileting, hand-washing and getting ready to go home.

Communication and Language

- ◆ We will join in with favourite stories.
- ◆ We will encourage children to use the role play area and outdoor classroom to develop social and communication skills.
- ◆ We will listen carefully in different settings.

Phonics

- ◇ We follow the 'Little Wandle Letters and Sounds' phonics scheme
- ◇ We start by learning all single letter sounds
- ◇ Children learn to blend for reading and segment for spelling.
- ◇ We start mark making and letter formation.



Maths

We will be learning about numbers to 5

Children will be taught to recognise, write, recite and count with numbers to 5



Independent Skills

- ◆ It will help your child to settle more quickly if you can show them how to take their coat off and hang it up.
- ◆ To know the name of their class and their teacher.
- ◆ To go to the toilet by themselves.



Questions or queries?

You are still able to email your child's class teacher directly.

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