



Looking forward

Our topic this term will be... **All About Me!**

After our initial introduction to our Reception class, we will start to discuss our own families and consider what it means to be a family along with the similarities and differences between families. We will also be learning about looking after ourselves as the children really enjoy taking on the role of doctors and nurses in their play. We have a home corner and we will be setting up a doctors role play area in the classroom which the children will enjoy using on a daily basis. We will also consider our body systems and what we can do to stay healthy. The children will be reading stories such as Funny-bones, Zog and the flying doctors to support their interests in the body. We are also going to be singing lots of songs such as 'Heads, shoulders, knees and toes' and 'Miss Polly had a dolly'. The last few weeks of term will be spent focusing on Magic, make believe and the Christmas period. We will have lots of fun activities to get into the festive spirit! We are hoping to read stories such as Zog, Stick man and the Christmas story.

You can help your child to succeed by doing the following:

- Daily reading TO your child—enjoying a book together
- Regular reading practise with your child (remember to discuss the text and ask questions)
- Activities which promote number recognition, counting and shape.
- Supporting your child in becoming more independent in dressing and in their own personal self-care.

PE Kit: Reception children will need to come dressed in their PE kit on a Wednesday. Please ensure that your child has appropriate wear for indoor and outdoor PE lessons. Could we please ask that all PE kit is labelled.

Outdoor Learning: Children will have access to our outdoor area, daily and therefore, may get messy! Please ensure your child brings named wellies and a waterproof coat/puddlesuit as we go out no matter the weather! Outside is their favourite place to be! We will go to the school garden every Tuesday afternoon. The children will take part in Forest School sessions every Thursday afternoon, therefore we recommend that they come in their own clothes which you don't mind getting dirty.

Reading: Children should share stories at least four times a week at home, and their reading diaries should be signed by an adult each time they read. Bookmarks will be signed for home reading and the children are aiming to complete their bookmark to receive a free book! We will issue your child with a school reading book and a class reading book for pleasure that will be changed on **Mondays**.

Phonics: We follow the Read, Write, Inc phonics programme. Initially, children will be taught by their class teacher as a whole class, with support provided by Mrs Clark. We will start with single letters and their corresponding sounds.

Read, Write, Inc have a great selection of videos on their youtube channel. We strongly recommend looking on the Parents and carers section and watching the 'Parent video—how to say the sounds' and 'Introduction to daily phonics lessons'. These will help you to best support your children.

Maths: We will start to develop our understanding of number by developing our fluency, reasoning and problem solving within each concept area of maths. Through a mastery approach to learning, children will develop a greater understanding of the meaning and representation of each number. Playing lots of games and singing counting songs are a great way to support your child at home. Practice counting in various ways such as 'can you jump to the gate in 5 hops?' Five Minute Mum shares some great ideas on her website/social media sites/books.

As your child's first educators the role of the parent is paramount to the successful implementation of the EYFS Curriculum. We want you to be involved at every stage of your child's learning journey, therefore we have an 'open door' policy, where you can contact one of our Reception team members about anything. We have a number of systems in place through which you can keep up to date with your child's learning and progress. We will be using **Tapestry** as our online learning journal and a floor book inside which you are welcome to view anytime.

We look forward to the year ahead!

Mrs Price, Mrs Roberts & Mrs Clark