

Reception – Curriculum Letter

Autumn 1

The following are some of the things we will be learning about this half term....



Literacy/Communication and Language...

We will be starting Read Write Inc (RWI) phonics in the next few weeks, after we have completed our 'baseline' to determine the levels of the children entering Canary and Cuckoo class.

Children will be able to recognise letters and know the sounds they make. They will become ready to read and spell words (using RWI phonics). All children will practice writing their name on each piece of work. They will also be listening to stories, talking about the stories they already know as well as beginning to tell their own.

Children will become effective communicators: using language to talk to their friends and becoming confident to speak in a small group, and then contribute to whole class discussions. This will lead to better interactions with others, children will be able to negotiate and make plans as well as taking turns in conversation.



Maths...

We will be helping the children to say and use number names and numerals (0-20) in order and in context, Eg: number rhymes and songs.

We will be looking at similarities and differences between the children in our class (eye colour, height, hair colour, etc) and we will be finding out ways to display this information.

We will be looking at shapes and using language to describe flat and 3D shapes. We will use shapes to create pictures and simple patterns.

We will sort objects in different ways.

Throughout the year there will be an emphasis on children being able to solve practical problems involving counting in 'real life' or role play settings.



Topic Focus – All about me!

Our first topic of this year is all about me! We will be learning about ourselves, our friends, our likes and dislikes as well as our similarities and differences.

We will be talking all about our families and finding out about the other families in our class.

We will also be looking at the different festivals and special days celebrated by families with our class.

We will look at our local community, thinking about where we live, what we see on a daily basis.

We would also like to add a global aspect to our learning and find out where in the world our families come from. We will need help from home on this project



Personal and Social Development...

We will be setting class rules and expectations, as well as introducing our 'Going for Gold' behaviour systems.

We will begin to understand the importance of caring for one another and our class environment.

We will be looking for children who display high levels of involvement in their chosen activities. We will be encouraging children to operate independently as well as helping them to develop their confidence to try new activities, initiate ideas and speak in a familiar group.

Children will begin to understand that people have different needs, views, cultures and beliefs that must be treated with respect.

Ideas for Activities & Visits Outside School..

Please listen to your child read at home – they love to show their new reading books to you.

We will be organising a visit to our local library at Tottenham Green, probably after the October half-term break.

Make walking to school a fun time: looking at the different types of transport, reading the names of the shops, talking about the numbers on the buses. Visit different places of interest in the local community including the parks.

We have a wonderful resource within the park next door – Markfield Project offer different types of activities and stay and play groups throughout the year.

There are some great phonic and number games on the cbeebies website that the children would love.