

## The start of a new year

I hope you have all enjoyed your summer break and are raring to go as you enter this very exciting year! I would like to wish a very warm welcome to our new starters, we can't wait to have you join in with all the fun activities we have planned throughout the year in Early Years!

A few reminders:

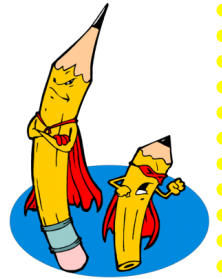
- Please make sure your child always has the correct PE kit available. Nursery PE is on a Friday morning and Reception PE is on a Monday morning.
- Very soon we will be sending home reading books with our Reception children...exciting! Please make sure the reading book and reading record is always in your child's bag and brought to school everyday.
- It is important the children have a waterproof coat with a hood, we enjoy outdoor learning whatever the weather! Please feel free to provide your own wellies for your child however we have lots in Early Year in varying sizes which the children can wear.
- We will be having our first Stay and Play session on Tuesday 10th October. We hope you can join us to join in with some great fun!



# I am special, I am me, when I grow up I want to be... Superhero's!

## In Literacy this term:

- This term Reception will be taking part in short daily RWinc sessions to secure their recognition of all of Set1 sounds. We will be focussing on blending and segmenting simple CVC words using the sounds the children are familiar with, for example - dog, sit, cap.
- We will be promoting continuous mark making for different reasons and hope that the children will be able to give meaning to the marks they make, what they draw or write.
- The children will have lots of opportunities to share familiar and new stories together and independently.
- Reception will begin to take home reading books. The first stage of these reading books are picture books. These are a very important way to ensure your child has good comprehension skills. Please support your child to tell the story using the pictures, discuss the characters and think about what might happen next!
- We will be promoting independent superhero writing/mark making!



## This term within mathematics the children will be taking part in:

- Our general focus this half term for Nursery will be singing number songs and reciting numbers in order to 10. We will also be promoting accurate counting of a small number of objects. We will be promoting touch counting and 1 to 1 correspondence. The children touch each individual item that they count to help them count more accurately, naming a number for each item they touch.
- Nursery will take part in daily 'Counting Croc' to help them count forwards and backwards to 10 and to help them begin to recognise numerals.
- We will sing lots of different number related songs such as 1,2,3,4,5 once I caught a fish alive, 5 speckled frogs, 10 green bottles etc.



Reception will also take part in daily Maths sessions. This half term they will cover:

- Counting in order to 10 and 20, counting items in a set accurately using 1 to 1 correspondence, matching a number of items to a numeral, conservation of number, counting along a number track to 10.
- Copying, recognising and creating patterns using colours and shapes.
- Days of the week, language relating to time - yesterday, today, tomorrow.
- Using positional language such as under, on, behind, left and right.

They will also be introduced to addition and subtraction in practical forms. They will begin to recognise a number sentence written to match an addition. They will work to find different ways of making 5.



## In Understanding The World children will have the opportunity to:

- The children will discuss their families and their own home customs as they begin to get to know each other more.
- The children will think about different occupations when thinking about what they want to be when they grow up.
- Share special times that they spend with their family and friends and things that they like to do.
- Use notebooks and Ipads independently to access games, Apps and take photos.
- Use remote control toys and control these independently.
- We will consider different festivals and celebrations that occur during this time and why some people celebrate them.



## Personal, Social, Emotional Development



These skills are promoted at all times and we work on these attributes in everything we do in Early Years as they are very important.

However this term we will be particularly focussing on:

- Promoting sharing/turn taking.
- Settling into new classroom routines.
- Working on being confident enough to ask adults for help and form positive relationships with adults.
- Making friends and being kind to the new children in our class.

## In Communication and Language this term children will be:

- Continuing to develop their listening skills and using these to follow two part instructions.
- Singing familiar and new nursery rhymes to promote positive communication.
- Continuing to use vocabulary to effectively communicate needs to adults and their friends.
- Recounting experiences and using vocabulary to share their own experiences when discussing families and customs.
- Following directions and focussing attention.



## In Physical Development this term:

- Nursery will be taking part in circle and parachute games which will support them to find space effectively and safely. They will learn to follow instructions.
- The children will be taking part in cars and bikes sessions which will help promote core strength, balance and coordination.
- All children will take part in daily Dough Disco using theraputty to help strengthen the muscles in the their fingers supporting their fine motor skills. This will be followed by yoga wake up activities to help promote balance and control.
- Reception will focussing lots on pencil control and correct letter formation when writing our names. We will also be focussing on letter formation in RWInc daily sessions using the rhymes which the children are familiar with.
- We will be promoting independent toileting at all times and working hard on this in the first half term.



## In Expressive Art and Design this term:

- We will be promoting independent use of the craft and painting areas. We hope the children will create their own work and have their own ideas independently.
- The children will be experimenting and working what we can use to cut and stick and attach items together.
- We hope the children will create their own narratives based around small world toys.
- We will promote lots of positive play in the home corner where we hope children will act out their first hand experiences.
- We will be working on painting for a purpose.

