



EYFS Newsletter

Term 1

What will be learning this term?

A big welcome to the EYFS! A big part of Term 1 will be helping the children to settle into their first classroom and feel comfortable in their new environment. We will spend time getting to know the adults and children in the year group; learning names and making new friends. We will also be talking a lot about the rules we have and why they are important for us all to follow.

Throughout our day we will have different types of lessons and activities. We will have some short whole class sessions for Phonics, Maths, Topic and story/song time. During these times children sit on their bugs on the class 'bug rug'. We also have Challenge & Explore Time where children are able to initiate their own activities in various areas. In these sessions children will be able to use bikes/trikes and sport equipment on the playground, explore the outside classroom area with a stage, water, sand and large construction resources or stay in the classrooms and engage in a multitude of different activities including art and craft and role play. We will be setting the children daily challenges for them to complete in Challenge & Explore Time.

There will also be times in the day where children will work with their teacher or teaching assistant to complete small group activities.

In Maths we are focussing on our number skills. We will be doing lots of counting forwards and backwards in steps of one. We will also be using Ten Town in Term 1 to introduce and explore all the numbers up to 10.

In Phonic lessons we will be following the Read Write Inc. phonic scheme and will introduce the Set 1 letters/sounds.

Our termly topic is 'Marvellous Me'. We will be talking about how we are all different and special. We will learn the importance of key skills including listening, sharing and turn taking.

In RE, we will be introducing the Christian religion. Our big questions is 'Why is the word 'God' important to Christians?'

We will be having a PE lesson with class teachers every Friday. We will learn to move our bodies safely with control and coordination. Please wear your PE kit to school each Friday. If you would rather your child came into school wearing school shoes on a Friday, named PE plimsols can be kept in their lockers.

Homework

Year R Love to Learn - Term 1

Weekly Expectations:

- Frequent reading logged in your Reading Record

Throughout the term, you are welcome to choose any of the below activities and showcase what you have done in your Love to Learn Journal. The activities in the shaded boxes link to our learning in school.

Draw a treasure map.	Make a sandwich.	Find 5 different things that float.
Dance outside!	Visit a farm.	Taste a new vegetable.
Draw a picture of your family	Practise your counting from 0 to 10. Can you also count back from 10 to 0? Can you find 0 to 10 objects?	Go on a walk and look for signs of Autumn. I wonder what you will see and find?

Your Love to Learn Celebration Day will be on **October 15th October** so remember to bring in any home learning you have done to share on this day! You may wish to upload photos to Tapestry as well to support your child to talk about something they did.

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 2nd September - First day of Term 1

Friday 25th September - French Day

Thursday 1st October - Come and See (3pm)

Friday 9th October - Harvest Celebration

Friday 16th October - Last day of Term 1

Monday 2nd November - First day of Term 2



Come and See Dates for the Year

Thursday 1st October - Come and See (3pm)

Wednesday 3rd February - Come and See (3pm)

Thursday 18th March- Come and See (3pm)

Wednesday 19th May- Come and See (3pm)

If you have a concern about your child's learning, please speak to their teacher at the end of the day or make an appointment through the school office.

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