

# Class Newsletter

Autumn Term 1 2021

## Foundation 1

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We would like to wish our new families a warm welcome. We look forward to working with you and your children this year.



## Important Days

PE- The children will have PE on a Wednesday and Friday morning. Please ensure that your child always has their hair tied back for school and has appropriate shoes on for exercise and games.

## RE

In our topic *God's World*, we think about how *God* loves and cares for each one of us, illustrated in the wonderful 'Guess How Much I Love You' by Sam Bratney. We celebrate the diversity of the natural world that *God* created, by exploring outdoors and going on a woodland walk. We will think about how we can help to look after *God's* world. We will introduce the children to our Prayer Corner and learn how to make the sign of the cross and say our prayers using words and sign language.

## Communication and Language

During this first half term, we get to know the children as we encourage them to tell us about their experiences, their families and their interests. We provide a language rich environment, commentating on what children are doing, and echoing back what they say with new vocabulary added. Through conversation, storytelling, singing, circle times and role play, children will have the opportunity to hear and use a range of vocabulary. We will also be introducing a 'Word of the Week' and a Makaton word or phrase every week. We will share some of these with you on Tapestry.

## Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Starting Nursery is a huge step in your child's learning journey. It starts with a warm friendly welcome and help to 'find their feet', to feel secure and sow positive seeds for their future learning experiences. Our focus is to get to know each other and learn how to take care of ourselves, each other and our classroom. The children will learn and 'fingerprint' our class rules and we will reward this in action by asking the child to add a bead to our special box. When it is full, we will have a special treat to celebrate, such as party games. The children will also learn more about themselves and similarities and differences with others. We will start to discuss our feelings and begin to share and take turns with the resources.

## Physical Development

Discovering how to use their bodies independently and with increasing control, is an amazing part of your child's development. We will provide opportunities both inside and outside of the classroom for the children to develop their core strength, stability, balance, special awareness, co-ordination and agility. Our PE sessions, daily dance and outdoor area will support children in developing their gross motor skills. Fine motor control will be supported with mark making opportunities, scissors, tools, pegs, tweezers, crafts and a daily 'Dough Disco' to name a few!

## Literacy and Mathematics

The children will have lots of opportunities to hear and discuss stories as they explore the characters and plot further in provision. We will share songs and rhymes and support children in recognising and then writing their own name. We will have Mathematics sessions across the week as well as challenges in provision for the children to investigate. The children will be touch counting, exploring shape and comparing the size, weight and capacity of objects.

## Following Children's Interests, Understanding the World, Expressive Arts and Design

This half term the children will be learning more about themselves and one another as we start with an 'All About Me' topic. They will paint their faces, draw their families and talk about similarities and differences. They will explore some of *God's* world as we visit the onsite woodland and will begin to understand how they can help to care for the world around them.

## Ways to Help

Celebrate your child's achievements with us through a 'Proud Cloud' or on Tapestry. Children should wear shoes that they can take off and put on independently. Your child should have a draw string bag in school with a full change of clothes. Please ensure that your child comes into school wearing sun cream and has a hat that is clearly labelled with their name on.