

# Class Newsletter

Autumn Term 2 2021

## Foundation 1

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We hope that you all had a wonderful half term and we would like to welcome you all back.



## Important Days

**PE** The children will continue to have PE on a Wednesday and Friday morning.

We will be having a **Crib Service** this year. We will let you know the dates and further information nearer the time.

## RE

Our RE topic is *God's Family*. We will be discussing our own families as we learn that we are all part of *God's Family*. Through Bible stories such as Elizabeth of Hungary, we will learn about how we can show our love for *God* and the people around us in different ways. We will also learn about the gifts that *God* has given to us, His greatest of which was his only son, *Jesus*.

## Personal, Social and Emotional Development

This half term we will use small group work to discuss our feelings as well as support children with responding to the feelings and wishes of others. We will continue to find out about one another through circle times and by working together in the provision areas. Our RE topic will lead us to discuss similarities and differences between our families, help us to develop our confidence as well as our listening skills.

## Communication and Language

We will continue to provide listening opportunities throughout the day, such as circle times where children can express their own views on a specific theme, their feelings or share information about their family and friends. Children will be given the opportunity to ask questions and respond to one another. The children will also be encouraged to join in with repeated refrains and anticipate key events and phrases in rhymes and during our story of the week.

## Physical Development

We will continue with our daily dough disco sessions, dance and yoga this half term as well as introduce 'Storycise' where a story is told with actions and movements. The provision areas will be enhanced every two weeks, providing opportunities for the children to develop their physical skills, including mark-making opportunities with a variety of media and materials. There will be scissor control activities, threading and fine manipulative activities to develop the muscles in the hand and support pencil grip. Please keep an eye on our website to see these in action as well as how you can support at home.

## Literacy/Phonics

The books we will use will be inspired by the children's interests. We will share these texts on our website page and will be starting with Pumpkin Soup. We will continue to support the children in recognising and writing their own name. We will also be exploring instrumental sounds by playing a variety of games that will support the children in tuning into sounds and talking about them.

## Mathematics

This half term, we will be continuing to explore numbers to 4 and beyond, by touch counting a specific amount of objects, recognising numerals within the environment and matching a numeral to a group of objects. We will continue to learn number rhymes and songs as well as explore 2D/3D shapes and repeating patterns. The children will explore size and use language such as 'more than' and 'fewer than'.

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

During our RE sessions and circle times we will find out more about ourselves, our heritage and our families. The children will discuss similarities and differences and learn more about the world around them. We will explore the signs of autumn by exploring the school site and then representing what we have learned in a variety of ways such as through leaf rubbings and paintings. The children will learn more about the First Christmas, through books, provision and role play.

## Ways to Help/ Profiles

Thank you for adding to your child's learning journal through our online learning profile system, Tapestry. We have enjoyed finding out about your child's adventures and learning at home. Please continue to work together with us in supporting your child's independence with dressing and self-care. During these colder months, it is an ideal opportunity for children to put on their own coats and shoes independently. Please make sure all of your child's clothes are clearly labelled.