



## Class 1 & 2 Newsletter

### Dear Parents/Carers

Can we say a big thank you for preparing your child for school. We have had a fun start and the children are settling well.

**During the course of this term we shall be covering the six areas of the Foundation Stage curriculum through the topics of: Our School and All About me.**

#### **Personal, Social & Emotional Development:**

We will be discussing how special we are and how to look after ourselves. This term we will pay particular attention to settling in, learning new routines and taking care of our environment. We will also be thinking about how to form good relationships, be sensitive to others needs, feelings and views and how to gain confidence to try new activities and initiate ideas.

#### **Communication Language & Literacy:**

Your child will be encouraged to learn about books and story conventions through daily reading sessions. We will begin to focus on individual phonic sound work during this term. Please look out for the notices which will inform you which sounds we are covering. Later during the term we will be practising writing letters in a variety of fun and playful ways. Children's language will be developed through lots of discussion with adults and each other. We encourage turn taking and thoughtful listening skills at all times.

#### **Problem Solving, Reasoning and Numeracy:**

This term we shall focus on accurate counting skills, recognition of numbers and basic shapes. This is learned through investigation and exploration within the environment and through carefully chosen independent activities.

#### **Knowledge & Understanding of the World:**

In 'All About Me' we will be finding out about past and present events in our own lives, and in those of our families and other people we know. We shall also be learning about how to keep safe and what we need to do to look after ourselves. Through exploration of our Christmas celebrations we will start to discover that other cultures celebrate special times in different ways.

**Physical Development:** In PE we will be learning how to change into our P.E kits by ourselves, how to move our bodies in time to music and how to find a safe space to work in. The children will also be encouraged to use their fine motor skills to control small tools such as scissors and paintbrushes, we will also encourage correct pencil grip in this area of learning.

**Creative Development** we will be exploring colour, shape, form and space and creating a self portrait. We will be playing with sounds, repeating patterns of sounds and changing sounds and expressing ideas, thoughts and feeling through a wide range of materials and role play.

**Outdoor Learning** In foundation 'outdoor learning' is very important and therefore in order to make sure that your children are as comfortable as possible we would be very appreciative if you could provide your child with a clearly labelled 'All weather Bag'. We would like them to contain a pair of cheap wellies and a waterproof. There is no great rush, just pop the bag on your child's peg, as soon as is convenient.





**AND FINALLY just a few reminders and updates...**

- If you would like an informal opportunity to speak with your child's teacher, please feel free to pop in after school on Tuesday and Thursdays.
- On Wednesday afternoons, both Class 1 and 2 will be covered by Mrs Dingwall while Miss Kidd and Miss Walton take their planning, preparation and assessment time, Mrs Eales will provide additional support alongside Mrs Dennison and Mrs Russell.
- Class 1 PE takes place on Tuesdays and Fridays, Class 2 has PE on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.
- Children need to bring book bags and water bottles every day.
- Children should not be bringing in toys as they are understandably upset when they are mislaid or accidentally damaged.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continuing support in your child's learning journey.

Many thanks

The Foundation Team

Miss Walton (class 1 teacher), Miss Kidd (class 2 teacher), Mrs Dennison (class 1 teaching assistant), Mrs Russell, Mrs Brookes, Mrs Proctor (class 2 Teaching assistants)

Mrs Dingwall (Foundation cover teacher for Wednesday afternoons)

Mrs Eales and Mrs Proctor (Foundation lunchtime supervisors)

