



Welcome to the Early Years Newsletter

**Autumn 1 2018**

*Welcome to Early Years. We hope you've had a great summer and we look forward to getting to know you and your child over the next term. It is lovely to see the children dressed in the correct uniform and looking smart.*

**All children will participate in a rich, exciting curriculum that covers all 7 areas.**

**Personal, Social and Emotional Development**

**Nursery**

Nursery children will be settling into school and familiarising themselves with the routines.

**Reception**

Reception children will be learning about what it takes to be a good friend and how to share and take turns.

**Communication and Language**

**Nursery**

The children will be exploring language through a variety of songs and rhymes, it is essential for **all** adults to speak to children to help extend their vocabulary.

**Reception**

Children will be introduced to 'Talk 4 Writing', this is a way of telling stories that will help a child write them, whilst extending their language skills.

**Physical Development**

**Nursery**

Nursery children will participate daily in 'Funky Fingers' activities, these will help strengthen their fine motor skills, as well as hand and eye coordination.

**Reception**

In Reception the children will be introduced to 'Dough Disco', this activity helps to strengthen children's fine motor muscles to enable them to develop their pencil grip which, in turn, will help to develop their writing skills.



**Literacy: Guess how much I Love?**

**Nursery**

The children will be learning how to sit and listen to a story, to enable them to recall key features and facts.

**Literacy: Do you want to be friends?**

**Reception**

The children will be learning to identify characters and other key features of a story. They will also look at similarities and differences.

**Maths**

**Nursery**

Nursery children will be exploring numbers through rhymes and counting songs. They will also be introduced to practical maths through sharing and sorting activities.

**Reception**

The children will be exploring numbers through rhymes and counting songs. They will also be identifying numbers and ordering them.

**Understanding the World**

**Nursery**

The children will be learning about emotions, what they are and how we express them. They will also be able to identify facial features.

**Reception**

The children will be learning what a friend is, how they help us and how to show positive behaviour. We will also look at how our actions can hurt and help others.

**Expressive Arts and Design**

**Nursery**

The children will have access to paint, sand and water on a daily basis. They will also have the opportunity to explore a variety of different textures through planned activities, such as playdough, soap flakes and jelly play.

**Reception**

The children will work together to create a friendship chain, by exploring a variety of art material and techniques. They will also have the opportunity to engage in role play activities.

**Weekly Homework**

Please remember homework should be handed in every Monday and children will be issued with homework on Wednesday along with homework diaries that should be signed by parents. They are a communication tool for us all. Reading books should be changed weekly and reading records signed also.

**Topic Homework.**

**Nursery**

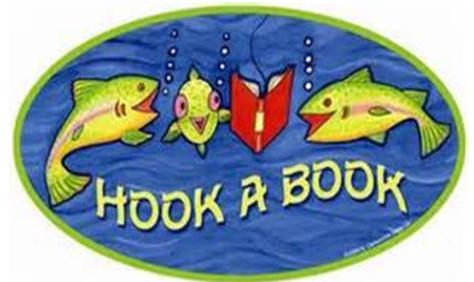
Please send in a picture of your child to help create our class family tree.

**Reception**

Please help your child create a family tree, we will be sending home a worksheet for you to complete with your child.

**Hook a Book!**

We would like to invite parents to attend a reading session with their child every Monday morning at 8.40am until 9.15am. You will have the opportunity to explore a range of books and online reading activities.



**A reminder:** Children should wear school uniform always with black shoes. Children should not wear any jewellery, except a watch and stud earrings.

**Meet the Teacher**

You are invited to meet your child's teacher on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> September between 3.30pm and 4.30pm.