

Autumn Term 1st Half Curriculum Information for Reception



'Ourselfs'

Welcome to our class newsletter! We are pleased to share some information about our topic, ways to support your child and key important dates for your diary. We hope this information helps you stay connected with your child's learning and supports you in talking about their experiences at home. Our first topic for this first half term will be 'Ourselfs'. This topic gives children the opportunity to learn more about their friends in their class and to share things that are important and connected to them. This term, our PE day will be Friday. Please ensure your child comes to school in their P.E. kit for that day.

Ways to support your child's learning at home:

- Look out for letters and numbers in the environment. Use letter sounds rather than names.
- Support your child to use the print font to write their name and practise other letters in the alphabet, (apart from the first letter of their name please ensure they are not writing in capitals) Please refer to the laminated name card that we have made for you.
- Practise frequently blending sounds with your child by using sound talk. E.g. can you pass me the c-u-p? Can you do up your z-i-p?
- Enjoy sharing a range of stories together. Encourage your child to turn the pages and use the pictures to tell the story. Can they predict what might happen next?
- Build up finger and hand strength to prepare children for writing. Encourage your child to play with malleable materials such as play dough to support this. Equipment that encourages children to use the pincer grip with the thumb and first finger, support children with their pencil grip. This could be developed through activities using pegs, threading, popping bubble wrap or construction toys.
- Encourage children to count items frequently in a range of contexts e.g. cooking, bubbles in the bath, counting toys or steps on the stairs.
- Use mathematical language such as one more/less, altogether and count on/back.
- Use a variety of materials to mark make. Encourage children to begin to apply sounds they have learned in their writing.
- Have a try at some of the other home learning activities on the sheet included. Any work or photographs by the children will be displayed in the classroom on our home learning board. It would be wonderful to see some home learning activities shared via Tapestry.

Important dates to remember:

- **Tuesday 1st September** - INSET, school closed to pupils
- **Wednesday 2nd September** - School term begins
- **Thursday 24th September 2:50** - Phonics meeting, Robins classroom
- **Friday 25th September - 2:30** - Afternoon tea for Reception parents
- **Saturday 3rd October - 1:00-5:00** - Maids Moreton Village 'Scarecrow Saturday'
- **Monday 5th October - 9th October** - Walk to School week
- **Monday 5th October - 2:00** - Harvest festival at St Edmund's Church

- **Monday 19th October - 5:00-8:00 - Parents consultation**
- **Thursday 22nd October - 3:30-6:30 - Parents consultation**
- **Friday 23rd October - School closes for half term**
- **See the school website for other important dates.**

We hope this information is useful. If you have any questions about your child's learning, please don't hesitate to speak to one of us. The Reception team are very much looking forward to an exciting year full of fun and lots of learning. We look forward to getting to know you and the children over the next few weeks.

Best wishes

The Reception team