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EYFS Curriculum Newsletter - Autumn 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to your child's first term at school! So far the children have all made a brilliant start to the year, coming into class happily. Well done everyone!

This term our main focus will be to settle into the routines and rules of school, and to get to know ourselves and each other through our topic 'Marvellous Me'. Adults will be observing children as they play, to learn what they know and what the next steps in their learning should be.

Foundation Stage curriculum

Personal Social and Emotional Development: We will spend lots of time playing games and singing songs, to help us with our sharing and turn taking.

Communication and Language: We will be developing our listening skills during short, whole class carpet sessions, and also learning about each other during circle times.

Literacy and phonics: We will be reading lots of stories linked to our topic, and will start phonics sessions towards half term. Look out for more information about a phonics workshop coming soon.

Mathematics: We will be counting and recognising numbers to 10, and sorting objects into groups.

Understanding the World: We will be looking at similarities and differences - how we are like our friends and how we are different. Also, as Autumn arrives, we will be observing our environment and how it is changing.

Expressive Arts and Design: We have lots of opportunities to be creative within our learning environment - the creative area for painting and collaging, the malleable area for dough and slime, and the stage area outside for singing and performing! We will however, also be creating self- portraits for a classroom display!

Reading books

By the end of this half term, all children will be bringing home a school reading book. More information about home reading will accompany the book.

Key workers

Very shortly, all children will be assigned a key worker. This person will work closely with your child throughout the year, and will make observations on them to monitor their progress. Look out for a letter about key workers coming home this week.

Class Goody Jar!

To encourage good relationships and a class 'team spirit', we have a 'Goody Jar' in class. Whenever the children do something well as a whole class - e.g. lining up for lunch sensibly, listening well on the carpet or tidying up the classroom, they will receive a ball in the jar. When the jar is full the whole class earn a treat! We will have lots of fun deciding what our treat will be, and will let parents know every time we fill our jar!

Wallie the Worry Monster

As you will know, starting school is a very big deal for all children. Issues that can seem small to us can be really big when you are 4 years old. To support your child and to help them to deal with any worries they have, we have a Worry Monster in the classroom. If your child has a worry, you (or they) can write their name on a piece of paper and pop it into Wallie's mouth. An adult will then talk to your child about their worry. If they do not want to talk to us, then we may come and speak to you about it instead after school.

If there is anything else you wish to know about your child's first term at school, please come and speak to a member of the EYFS team.

Best wishes,

Mrs Kosecki (EYFS teacher)