

Physical Development

We will be working with your child this half term on developing their physical development skills.

At school your child will be climbing, pedalling, vertical mark making and practicing skills that support their hand-eye coordination.

What can you do at home?

Give your child opportunities to climb, move and play.

Challenge your child to write the sound they have been learning in school that day or week.

Challenge your child to write their name in a rainbow of colours, can they bring it in or post it on Tapestry to show their teacher and friends?

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

The children will settle into school life by exploring their new environment and going from a staggered to a full-time experience of school life.

What can you do at home?

Your child will have completed their scrapbook to bring into school. Please ensure these are in school as soon as possible.

You can have reflective discussions about your child's school day around the dinner table. Here are some questions you could ask:

What was the best part of your day?

What did you enjoy outside today?

Can you remember your new sound today?

You can also support your child at home by playing turn taking games. Inevitably, your child will be learning to share and take turns with their peers in our cohort. Have a go at supporting building this skill by playing board games and turn taking games at home.

Communication and Language

In a new environment, your child will learn new words by the hour. You will be amazed at some of the terminology the children consolidate by Christmas.

What can you do at home?

We will be having a particular focus on similarities and differences – can you rehearse this understanding at home by asking your child to spot similarities and differences in the home, on the bus, at the shops etc.

Make stick puppets of your family member with your child that your child can use to role play with at home.

Look through photo albums and talk to your child about their family.

Maths

We will be exploring the following mathematical concepts in class this half term:

- Match, Sort and Compare
- Measure and Pattern
 - It's Me 1,2,3.

What can you do at home?

Get the children to count the stairs as they walk up to bed. Make sure they are saying one number for each step.

Ask your child to help sort the washing – can they find a match with the pairs of socks?

Go on a number hunt around the house or at the local shop.

Make Yourself at Home! Autumn 1

This half term is all about getting to know your child and them getting to know our school. We are so excited to explore similarities and differences between ourselves and our families this half term. The children will develop their sense of belonging to their class, teachers and their new friends.

Literacy

We are jumping straight into phonics with our scheme – Little Wandle. We recommend that you attend the information events for this to support your child.

The sounds we will be learning this half term are:
s,a,t,p,l,n,m,d,g,o,c,k,ck,e,u,r,h,b,f,l

What can you do at home?

Ask your child to read to you as much as possible using our phonics books. These will begin to come out when your child is ready.

Write out the new sounds with your child and hide them round the house, can your child find them and read them?

Your child will receive a tricky word book mark that will have some extra ideas to support your child in reading these.

Expressive Art and Design

Your child will be experimenting with different media and materials to represent their own features. Don't forget to join us at our upcoming parent workshop!

What can you do at home?

Ask your child to create a family portrait. Can they take their time to draw the similarities and differences between

Books we will be sharing this half term:



Our main text this half term is The Three Little Pigs. We will be using this text to explore vocabulary, role play, design and construction. We will finish our learning around this with the chance for all children to sequence and story map this traditional tale.

Understanding the World

Throughout the year your child will begin to piece together their understanding of the world around them.

What can you do at home?

Visit local places that are meaningful to your family.
Map out your route to school with your child.

Useful links:

<https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/stories>

<https://www.ictgames.com/mobilePage/writingRepeater/>

