

## What's happening in Class One this term?



A very warm welcome back after the summer holiday! We hope you all had a wonderful time and feel ready for an exciting term!!!!

Each term we send families a Curriculum Newsletter which outlines the learning your child will encounter during the term. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to come and have a chat.

Our themes for this term will be **Ourselves, Autumn and Harvest, Light and Sound, Winter and Christmas.**

We use Development Matters in The Early Years Foundation Stage to observe, assess and plan an effective and supportive children's development pathway.

### PRIME AREAS.

**Personal, Social and Emotional Development.** We will create positive classroom rules together. We will learn to use self-help systems to become independent learners. We will develop routines, such as tidy up time. We will learn how to use materials and equipment. We will learn how to take turns. We will talk about our feelings and talk about acceptable behaviours. We will learn how to communicate our needs and build self-confidence.

**Communication and Language.** We will establish how we become Good Listeners and develop self confidence to talk in pairs and small groups. In our play and other activities we will help the children develop their language by introducing new words and helping them to use more complex sentences. We will expect the children to be able to follow simple instructions and understand 'how' and 'why' questions.

**Physical Development.** The children will explore a range of climbing, balancing and sliding activities indoors and outdoors. They will have opportunity to move freely and develop confidence in running, jumping, skipping and walking. We will have two PE lessons a week, Monday afternoon and Friday afternoon. Please remember named PE kits! In addition Class One have an afternoon break **every** day. To develop fine motor skills the children will be taught how to use equipment and mark making tools. They will be provided with a wide range of activities to develop these skills such as threading, sewing, painting and drawing, playing in sand and water,

modelling with clay and dough. The children will learn about the importance of good personal hygiene and become aware of how physical activity affects their bodies.

### **SPECIFIC AREAS.**

**Literacy - Reading.** This term we will focus on familiar words such as our names and signs and labels in the classroom environment. We will begin Phase 2 of Letters and Sounds learning how to hear, say and write initial sounds. We will begin to read phonic reading books.

**Literacy - Writing.** This term the children will learn how to form some letters correctly. They will learn how to write their name, forming letters correctly by using overwriting. There will be lots of opportunities to practise writing. They will write labels and captions for their models and art work.

**Mathematics - Number.** We will be ordering, counting and comparing numbers. We will be solving simple number problems and thinking how we can record what we know about numbers and simple problems. We will use everyday activities to practise counting and calculating. We will have a mental maths time **every** day. We will use games, puzzles and jigsaws to develop number concepts.

**Mathematics - Shape, space and measure.** We will play with shapes and make patterns. We will learn to recognise and name some 2D and 3D shapes. We will use positional language correctly. We will explore length and weight. We will explore mass and capacity through structured play activities in sand and water play.

**Understanding the world.** We will talk about ourselves, our families and friends. We will learn to name body parts and use our senses. We will learn about each others way of life and talk about significant events in our life and our families. We will re-enact family life through our role play. We will talk about our feelings. We will learn about Autumn and Winter and seasonal events/activities. We will investigate light and sound. In technology we will teach the children how to operate simple equipment and how to use appropriate software.

**Expressive arts and design.** We will learn to use simple tools correctly and explore different media. We will learn songs with Mrs.Wilcox. We will develop our imaginations through role play and small world.

The children will have homework tasks each week. These are often practical activities and there is an opportunity for you to feedback comments.

Star of the Week. Each week one child is chosen to receive the star on Friday at Celebration Assembly. Please return this the following Friday!

Finally, remember, any problems or concerns come in for a chat!!!!

