



Mrs Cunliffe Newsletter : Autumn 2017

Imaginative Learning Journey

Do you want to be friends?



Topic Overview

In Reception we teach through the children's interests which ensures that the children are motivated and excited to learn. In the first few weeks we will be focusing on routines, settling in and getting to know each other as well as starting our topic for this half term 'Do you want to be friends?' We will be looking at:

- Making new friends
- Being kind
- Being helpful
- Co-operation
- Similarities and differences
- People who help us at home and at school

THINGS TO REMEMBER

- **Monday and Thursday:** Reading books to be changed.
- **Monday:** PE
- **Friday:** Snack Money - £1.50
- **Friday:** Library books to be changed.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Exciting learning experiences:

- **Engage -** Starting school. Exploring school and making friends.
- **Express-** Teddy Bears' picnic
- **Thursday 21st September:** Parent's Information Night

SUBJECT OVERVIEWS

- **COMMUNICATION and LANGUAGE:** Talk about the people who help us in school and at home. Share photographs of our friends and family and talk about special events in our lives.
- **PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT:** Explore different ways of moving such as jumping, skipping, hopping, running. Play games together using balls, the parachute and other small equipment. Make sandwiches and bake cakes.
- **P.S.E.D:** Demonstrate friendly behaviour and form good relationships with other children in the class. Make and share friendship tokens and play games together such as 'The Jelly Baby Game' and team games.
- **LITERACY:** Listen to stories about friends such as 'Rainbow Fish' and 'The Kissing Hand.' Write invitations and cards to each other for the 'Teddy Bears' Picnic. Write own names.
- **MATHS:** To recognise numbers to 10. To count sets of objects to 10 and find the corresponding number. To play number games and to devise own number games.
- **UNDERSTANDING THE WORLD:** Show interest in the lives of people who are familiar to them by talking about family holidays and family events. Find out about different occupations by looking at the jobs people do in school.
- **EXPRESSIVE ARTS AND DESIGN:** Sing songs about friends. Look at facial features and paint self-portraits. Use a range of media to make table decorations, place mats and table cloths for the 'Teddy Bears' Picnic.

HOW TO HELP YOUR CHILD

- **Reading Books:** Reading books will be changed every **Monday** and **Thursday** and the children will receive one book on these days. They will also take home a reading record book where you can record how well your child has done with their reading. Please encourage them to read and share other books and magazines at home.
- **Wellington Boots:** As we have a wonderful outdoor area here which we use throughout the whole year, your child will need a pair of wellington boots with their name on in school so that they are able to access this area at all times.
- **Library:** The children will visit the school library on **Friday** morning. This is a chance for them to choose a book that they want to share with you at home. Please ensure their library books are brought back on that day so that they can be changed.