

## P.D.

This year our P.E lessons will be on a Tuesday. Children will come into school dressed in their P.E. kit every Tuesday. P.E. sessions will be focused on ensuring children are beginning to grasp the early gross motor skills required in Reception. We will also be working on our fine motor skills, practising holding pencils and scissors correctly, writing our names and using classroom resources safely.



## Home Learning

Your child will be set home learning on a Friday, this needs to be completed and returned to school the following Wednesday. This will be based on our learning from that week and will vary from week to week. Please can this be completed by your child as independently as possible as it really helps when planning appropriate next steps for each individual child. Feel free to comment in their books in relation to how you felt they coped with the task/activity.

## Topic

This half term our topic is 'All About Me'. It would be lovely for the children to bring in any baby photos you might have. It would be great to share these with our new friends and look at how much we have changed and grown up! This half term is all about getting to know each other and becoming comfortable in our new learning environment, with our new friends and teachers.

## R.E

This half term our core Christian value is Koinonia and after half term it will be Friendship.

During our weekly RE sessions we will be focusing on Christianity. Through circle time discussions we will be asking questions such as: 'What makes a good person?' and 'How can we show kindness to others?'



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## Reception Class Autumn Newsletter

Welcome to Winchester Class!

A lovely warm welcome to parents and children from all of us in Reception. It was fantastic to have the opportunity to meet all of you individually on your home visits and get to know you and your children a little bit better! I hope you found it as beneficial as we did. This term is going to be a very exciting one for all the children and Reception team. We hope the children are as excited as we are!



## Literacy

This term our literacy will be based on our different books of the week linked to our families and ourselves such as 'What makes me a me?', 'Funnybones' and 'I am Henry Finch'. We will begin by learning each other's names and writing our own. We will write about our families and label body parts and we will soon begin to learn our sounds and will begin blending simple CVC words together. We will also learn how to form these sounds correctly in our writing.



## Personal, Social and Emotional Development

This term we will be thinking about our school rules and how our behaviour and actions could affect others. We will be looking at 'feelings', thinking about when and why we feel certain emotions. This will be taught through discussion during circle time and the use of books and puppets.



## Understanding the World

This term we want to find out and get to know the children in Durham. We will be encouraging them to talk about their home and community life. If you have any photographs that would support this then feel free to bring them in, it would be lovely for the other children to see! We will also be thinking about how we look after and care for our surrounding environment.



## Mathematics

This term we will begin by comparing, matching and sorting amounts. We will also be exploring size, mass and capacity and exploring patterns. We will look at representing, comparing and composing numbers to 5.

This term we will also learn about circles, triangles and shapes with 4 sides. We will begin to think about ways to describe them too. The children will also learn about positional language and time.



## Communication and Language

This term the children will be working on their listening and attention, learning how important it is to listen! We will be doing this through circle time sessions, stories and the use of puppets.

Children will be working on extending their vocabulary through indoor/outdoor play and using their fantastic imaginations with new friends.



## Expressive Art and Design

Our expressive arts and design will be linked closely to our topic. First, we will be drawing portraits of ourselves and thinking about the colours we need to use. We will be making links with Diwali by making clay diya lamps. We will also make 3D models of people using a variety of equipment and resources. As well as this we will be looking in our surrounding environment to explore and use media and materials to create some excellent masterpieces to display in the classroom and be proud of.

