

Dear Parents,

We are very excited to be in school and making lots of new friendships, this term we are working on theme of – “Marvellous Me”;. Through our theme we will be covering all areas of the curriculum through lots of rich play activities and songs. We are planning exciting learning opportunities suited to the age and stage of your child’s development. Your child will be working with all the adults in the classroom and the outside area.



Personal, Social and Emotional development Our key aim for your children is to be happy learners who reach their full potential. We believe that children who are happy excited learners in early years become lifelong learners and that is what we aim to ensure our children become. Lots of time will be invested in helping your child separate from you happily and ready to learn. We will also be working on the key skills of co-operation and shared learning. Children will be encouraged to play together taking turns, sharing and developing ideas. As children get older we will encourage pupils to reflect on their learning. Much of the personal social and emotional development will come from reinforcement of good co-

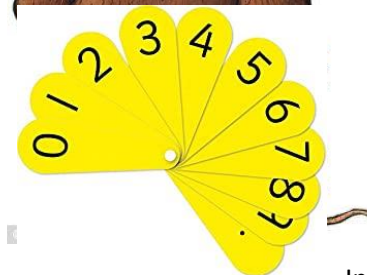
operation, sharing and communicating that happens within activities however some will occur through specific taught sessions and games to promote development in this area. We will be doing weekly activities linking in with our SCARF theme Marvellous Me

Communication Language and Literacy



In Communication Language and Literacy we will be sharing lots of quality story book favourites. We will go deeper into stories looking at their characters, story sequence and using the repeating phrases from the story in our own retellings.

We will also be learning about key sounds through play activities in the Foundation Stage unit using the Read Write Inc program. Your child will bring home a phonics book showing the featured sounds.. Children will also be working on pencil and tool control and we are helping pupils to use the correct pencil grip when developing our mark making, drawing and letter formation.



Maths

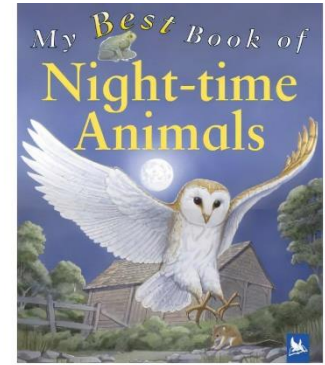
In Maths we will be taking part in daily maths activities. These will be hands on practical small group activities developing our knowledge of number, sorting, grouping and the concepts of more and less. In the reception class we will be working on number to 10 its formation, number bonds within the numbers and recognising quantity instantly which we call subitising We will be focusing on counting, pattern and number play including numeral recognition. Maths will also be a core aspect of our role play activities and continuous provision both inside and outside of the classroom..

Understanding of the World

Children will be developing their understanding of the world by finding out more about the natural world and its animals, learning about celebrations and festivals such as Harvest, Remembrance and later in the term Christmas.

We will focus on British Trees and Wildlife. Learning about animals in our locality especially Nocturnal Animals.

As part of this work we will be exploring the outside environment. Children in Reception will take part in regular 'Forest School' sessions .



Physical Development

We will be helping the children develop their skills in dance, balance, ball control and games through lots of different outdoor physical activities. As often as possible we will use our outdoor areas to build on skills as well as to give the children opportunity to develop the skills in co-operation, sharing and communicating that come through free play and team activities.

Expressive Arts

Using our topic as a theme we will be learning about texture, colour and techniques for painting, drawing and collage/early technology. We will also be using our voices and bodies to express stories through role play, retelling, songs and movements. Where possible these will be shared in special learning events for the children.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Hall, Miss Sturgess & Mrs Deacon