

Our TOPIC

This term will be all about getting to know the children. We will have lots of speaking and listening opportunities in order for the children to share:

- Who they live with.
- What they enjoy doing at home with their families.
- Their interests and what they like to play with.
- Their likes and dislikes



Reception Topic
Autumn 1 2018
'Ourselves'

We will begin with a home corner role-play area for the children to take on the roles of Mum, Dad, brother, sister, pets etc.



Reading

We start most children reading with picture books that do not contain words. Please encourage your child to use story language to make up the stories and talk through what is happening in the pictures together. Your child will receive a reading book with words in when they are ready. We recommend your child reads daily for a short period of time and encourage books to be re-read to consolidate learning. We also strongly advise that you also continue reading to your child regularly to share enjoyment of stories and build up their story language.

As well as their reading books, your child will receive a word sheet with some high frequency words on. Please can you practise recognising these words at home. We recommend you practise up to 3 words a week. You can write the words on cards and use as flashcards and look for them in the books you share together. We will check which words your child knows each week and provide your child with a new word sheet when they are ready.



Clothing

We use our outdoor classroom in all weathers. Please can you send your child with wellies and waterproof trousers. Please make sure all clothing is labelled clearly with your child's name.

Maths

This term we will begin to teach maths by giving the children opportunities to explore and gain a good concept of what each number looks like. For e.g the children will learn the written numeral for each number, how to show it with different objects, how to draw it and see where it comes on a number line etc. We will also be doing a lot of work on teaching careful counting strategies and exploring 2D shapes.

SPARKS

Each week we have a 'spark' in Reception. The 'spark' is the theme of the week that we pick based on the children's interests. Sometimes these sparks can be very short and we may start on something else within the week and sometimes they continue for longer periods of time.