



Reception Topic - Autumn 1 2022 – 'Ourselves'

Firstly, a big welcome to our wonderful new Reception children. We are really looking forward to getting to know you all over the next half term. The first few weeks in Reception will be all about settling the children in to their new routines. There is a lot to remember and it is likely your child will need lots of extra cuddles and downtime at the end of their school day.

For the first few weeks members of our team will be on the gate to meet you and your children and help them into school. It is an exciting time. The children love to be as independent as they can and are best supported by you allowing them to do this. We will take them into the classroom and help them learn where to put all their belongings and help them to keep themselves and their classmates safe by carefully washing their hands. We will then join with our Year 1 children to complete the register before the reception children have some time on the playground for a run around and sometimes a play on the climbing equipment. Starting school can be an anxious time – so please feel free to chat to any member of the team on the gate about any concerns you may have, we are always happy to help.

Maths

In Corfe, we are committed to learning and securing mathematical concepts through planned and purposeful play. There are opportunities for children to lead their own learning inside and outdoors and our dedicated team of skilled adults will carefully observe, guide and extend children's knowledge by following their interests and using observations to inform future planning. The children will complete a baseline before we introduce them to our interactive sessions following the White Rose Maths Scheme. You can help by doing lots of practical counting at home.

English

Our focus this term will be on listening to and following instructions, learning routines and encouraging the children to make relationships with the adults and children in the class. We will focus on the personal and social side of learning, supporting the children to regulate their behaviour and to ask their peers and their guiding adults for help and support. There will be an emphasis on listening and interacting with a range of stories, poems, rhymes and nursery rhymes as well as using stories to help us celebrate our similarities and differences. There will be a focus on mark making and drawing across all areas and children will be given a wide range of daily opportunities to develop their fine and gross motor skills to assist them as they learn to write.

Phonics and Reading

Our phonics sessions will begin during week 2. They will begin by learning the initial phonemes and will soon be able to blend these sounds together to read simple words. As a school, we are delighted to have taken on a new reading programme which allows us to be really progressive with our way of teaching reading. There will be a meeting on Wednesday 14th September at 5pm which will be an opportunity for you to learn about how you can support your children on their reading journey.

Physical Development

In Reception we are led by the children's interests and plan activities which reflect this. As we are a mixed Y1 and Reception class some topic-based activities will be available for the children to explore. These will include singing, painting, drawing and modelling activities. In Understanding the World and Physical Development we will learn about how to look after our amazing bodies and what our bodies can do. We will take part in a weekly PE session led by Sport's Coaches so please ensure your children arrive in their PE kits on a Thursday.