

Autumn 1 Newsletter

Our first topic is called 'From Head to Toe'. Within this topic we will learn all about ourselves and the local environment.

To help your child settle into full-time school, we will begin our learning by focusing on stories about starting school, looking at classroom rules and routines, exploring our environment and forming friendships.

Literacy

Within this topic we will be learning about the body and senses through stories including 'Funny Bones' and looking at non-fiction texts. We will learn all about our own and different types of families, focusing on our author of the term Jill Murphy and 'The Large Family' stories. Finally, we will finish off our topic by exploring the local village looking at different types of houses and buildings.

Mathematics

In Mathematics, we will cover numerous topics such as recognising, sequencing & writing numbers as well as LOTS of counting. We will also look at common 2D and 3D shapes.

Expressive arts and Design

Using a range of art materials such as paint, collage and chalk we will make a variety of creations including portraits and box models. We will also be singing lots of songs and exploring the different instruments we have.

Physical Development

We will improve our fine motor skills by cutting, sticking, writing and drawing as well as our gross motor skills by using bikes, scooters and obstacles. F2 children/ the full timers will have PE on Friday. In PE we will be learning how our body works, the rules of PE, getting changed independently and games such as parachute and ring games. Weather permitting; sometimes this will be outdoors, other times indoors. Please ensure sure your child has the correct kit which is clearly labelled. (Our PE kit consists of black/blue shorts, white t-shirt, trainers or pumps for outdoors and tracksuit bottoms and top for cold weather).

Understanding the world

We will be learning about ourselves, the environment, our local area, families, houses and homes. We will also complete a locality walk.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

During circle times, we will be talking and learning about the importance of looking after each other, sharing and taking turns as well as sharing our feelings with one another.

Spellings (for F2 children/full timers only)

Spellings will be sent out each week in your child's home/school diary for your child to learn. They will consist of letter sounds first and then move onto words, tricky words and more complex sounds. These will be tested on a Friday.

Home Learning

Every two weeks we will set a piece of home learning related to our topic. I will send this out on a Friday and collect it in the following Friday.

Reading

It is also really important to read at least 3 times per week with your child and record this in their home/school diary. Each week we will continue to move your child along the Jolly Good Readers steps to win a special treat at 10! Don't forget to bring your book bag EVERY DAY!

Christmas

Although it may seem very early, we are already thinking about our festive celebrations and are hoping that we can use the beautiful venue of Chatsworth House to show our nativity play this year! More to follow.

Don't forget to help your child to write their name as part of our self-registration activity each morning and to check the lunch choices daily.

Please do not hesitate to come and speak to one of the team to discuss any aspect of your child's development or email us on abprfurnival@rgfl.org abpastones@rgfl.org or abpslink@rgfl.org

Many thanks for your continued support,

Mrs Furnival, Mrs Stones and Mrs Link