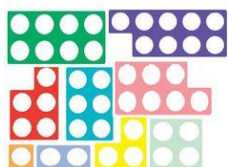


## Reception Parent Summary Autumn 2018



The first half of term is focused on settling children into school life and adapting to classroom routines. There will be activities focused on personal, social and emotional development whereby children will be encouraged to establish positive attitudes both of themselves and others, as well as towards learning. Our key text for the first half term will be Rainbow Fish.

In Communication and Language children will take part in continuous speaking and listening activities in small groups and whole class lessons. In Literacy, children will be taught phonics through the Letters and Sounds scheme. They will be introduced to four letters a week, learning both the letter name and sound. Please check the school website, Reception class page, where you will be informed of the letters of the week so you can practise these with your child at home. We will also begin to focus on correct letter formation in writing.



In Maths we will cover a number of stories, songs and investigative activities which will encourage mathematical understanding. Children will be provided with opportunities to develop an understanding of number, shape, space, measures and data handling. Our initial focus will be recognising and counting numbers to 20. In addition to this, our daily routines will support counting and problem solving. Numicon will be used to consolidate numbers by recognising colours and shapes.

In Understanding the World, our theme will be 'Getting to know each other'. We will support children in looking at their own development since birth and learn about their 5 senses. After half term, our theme will change to 'Christmas' where children will explore a range of arctic animals, seasonal changes and changing environments.

In Physical Development we will support and encourage physical control, mobility and awareness of space, both indoor and outdoor. As part of our Health and Self-care development children will be encouraged to be independent in dressing and caring for their belongings.



In Expressive Arts and Design children will be supported in imaginative play and opportunities for singing, dancing, drawing, painting and sensory experiences will be provided. Children will also be participating in cookery activities in preparation for Christmas.

*Please remember that this is a brief overview of the plans for the term and if you have any queries do not hesitate to contact us.*

Reception Team

