



## Curriculum Newsletter- for Nursery Autumn 1 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the first half term of the year. This will be a busy half-term for the children; they will be settling into their new classes and getting to know the adults working with them. We would like to share our Curriculum overview with you and some key dates for this half term.

Homework- will go out Thursday and pupils will be expected to return their homework to school on Tuesday. Please ensure all homework is complete and back at school in time.

Our Topic for this half term is **Ourselves**

Please take a look at our Curriculum Map for this half term.

In **Writing** We will be focussing on making shapes and mark making with control.

In phonics we will continue listening games, rhyming songs and grouping things that have the same initial sound.

In **Reading**, we will be talking about stories and making predictions. We will also begin

In **Maths**, our key skills focus will be on recognising numbers, especially numbers 1-10

We will be starting to add 1 more more, and recognise more and less when comparing amounts. We will be focussing on linking numerals to amounts correctly.

We will start to order numbers from 1-10.

In **Jewish Studies** we will be focussing on the upcoming festivals. We will be learning songs related to the festivals, and the Hebrew vocabulary related to the upcoming holy days.

In **Personal, Social and Emotional Education**, we will be focussing on settling in to the routine of Reception class. We will be practising sharing and asking for resources we want. We will be focussing on following shared rules.

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In **Understanding and Knowledge of the world**, we will be focusing on heritage and what makes our family special. We will celebrate the languages we speak, our beliefs and religions, and our families.

In **Physical Development** we will be focusing on our fine motor skills. We will be learning to control 1 handed tools and scissors. We will talking about how our bodies work and how to look after them.

In **Expressive Arts and Design** We will begin using different materials to make marks. We will be making self-portraits with different media such as pastels, paint, and chalk. We will be exploring model making with junk and construction materials.

In **Communication and Language** we will be focusing on asking and answering simple questions. We will be starting to explain our ideas using "how" "why" and because"  
  
We will also practise communicating to solve disputes and problems with others.