



Curriculum Newsletter for Year Reception 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.

PE day is **Thursday** please ensure your child has their full PE kit with them.

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.

We will begin learning our sounds to **read** and **write**. We will be learning how to read, write and say our first 20 sounds. We will be learning how to find all the sounds in word, and how to blend sounds in words to read.

We will be making sure we can write our names and label pictures with some familiar sounds.

In **Maths**, our key skills focus will be on recognising numbers, especially numbers 10-20.

We will be starting addition and combining groups to count totals. We will be focussing on linking numerals to amounts correctly.

We will start using number to solve problems.

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. In P.E we will focus on moving in different ways and starting and stopping. We will talking about how our bodies 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.