

Toftwood Infant School  
Information for Parents/Carers

With this information, you will find a plan to show the big picture of the work Reception children will be doing in Autumn 1. Please share this with your child.  
Try to get your child to answer a few of the questions each day.



Autumn 1  
2019

**Reception**

During this year the children will cover all aspects of the Foundation Stage Curriculum.

### **Personal, Social and Emotional development**

During the first half term, we will concentrate on the process of settling the children in and establishing school routines. We will also be making observations of the children.

We encourage the children to do the following:

- Be independent e.g. hanging and doing up their coats
- Using pencils, scissors and other resources unsupported
- Make decisions
- Go to the toilet and wash their hands
- Undress and dress themselves when changing for PE

It would be beneficial if you encouraged your child to do the same at home.

### **Literacy, Communication and Language**

We will be reading a selection of stories and rhymes and introducing the children to the initial letter sounds of the alphabet, using the Jolly Phonics scheme alongside the Letters and Sounds program. You could help your child at home by playing games such as 'I Spy.'

We will be sending home storybooks for you to share with your child. Please could you encourage your child to bring their book bag into the classroom every day, and remind them to change their shared book as soon as they've read it. Individual reading books will be sent home when we feel it is appropriate for your child.

### **Library**

Our library days are written on your child's plastic library book bag. Please return the book every week on this day even if you wish to keep the same book for a second week.

Miss Coombes - Thursday

Miss Tataryn - Wednesday

Miss McTavish - Thursday

### **Mathematics**

We will be learning a variety of number rhymes and songs, counting, recognising and writing numbers. We will also be exploring simple 2D and 3D shapes such as circles, squares, triangles, rectangles, cubes and spheres. If you would like to help your child, look out for numbers and shapes when you are out and about and sing any rhymes and songs they are learning at school.

### **Understanding the World**

Our topic for this half term is 'Ourselves'. We will be spending time in the cookery room making healthy fruit salads and sandwiches. Alongside this topic we will spend time exploring the children's own interests. As autumn approaches, the children can look out for fallen leaves, conkers, acorns etc. At the end of the first half term we will be inviting you into school for a Harvest activity session. In computing the children will be introduced to a selection of Literacy and Maths programs on the computer and will develop their mouse control.

## **Expressive Arts and Design**

This half term we will be completing self-portraits, and drawings of our families. The children will also have access to creative resources in the making area and messy activities such as using dough, plasticine and finger painting.

## **Physical development**

Our PE focus will be following instructions and developing our motor control with different body parts.

The children will be doing some sort of P.E. everyday, either a P.E. lesson, adventure playground or lunchtime activity. Therefore it is important that their P.E. kit stays in school all week. Please also remember to leave a hairband in the PE bag for those children with long hair to tie it back during P.E. Please note for health and safety reasons children should have all jewellery including earrings removed for PE.

## **PE Days**

Miss Coombes - Monday & Friday

Miss Tataryn - Tuesday & Friday

Miss McTavish - Wednesday & Friday

## **RE**

We will be thinking about harvest in preparation for our Autumn activity morning.

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To recognise that people they don't know are strangers.

To be nice to people on the computer, like you would on the playground.