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Our topic this half term: All about Me    Our book this half term: The Colour Monster Starts School

English	Children will be introduced to English in two ways. Firstly through a range of stories where children will learn to listen and respond to stories as part of a whole class group. Children will learn how to ask and answer questions about the things that has been read to them and will be encouraged to make links to their own experiences. Secondly, children have begun their phonics sessions. It is during this time that children will learn both the sounds and the names of each letter. We will learn how to pronounce these correctly, hear them, recognise them and write them. More information about this will take place in the <b>Reception Curriculum Meeting on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October, 9am.</b>	(ABC)
Maths	In Maths, children will firstly learn how to use simple Mathematic concepts to solve problems. This will include sorting, arranging and organising different groups of materials. We will organise simple patterns and organise our verbal sentences to explain what we have done. Only then will we begin to introduce number to children where we will spend a day at a time unpicking individual numbers to understand where they fit in the number sequence, how the number can be made from other numbers, how to count out and represent as well as what comes before and after.	$2+3=5$
Science	During our Forest School sessions we will discover how our natural environment continues to change throughout the year. We will look for signs of Autumn and will use what we have around us to sort, order and compare as well make our own creations from our autumnal collections. If you find anything at home or on a walk that you would like to share with us then please bring this in to class. This helps the children to develop a bigger picture of what can be found where!	
PSHE/RSHE	We will be spending this half term getting to know each other. We are learning each others names, what our interests are and what it is that really gets us going! We are learning more about each others families, pets and homes. We are also learning about our new classroom environment. Discovering what rules are and why we have them and learning more about how to keep ourselves and each other safe whilst we work together in our indoor and outdoor classroom.	
RE	In RE we will be discovering more about 'Special People', making links with the religions Christianity and Judaism. We will discuss the key question 'What makes people special?' listening to and sharing each other's thoughts and opinions. In doing so, children will develop a better understanding of why key religious figures are seen as special. This prepares in turn us well for the introduction of the Nativity story.	
PE	In PE we will introduce children to the key fundamental movement skills. We will be spending time learning how to adjust speed and direction whilst developing skills in jumping, hopping, underarm and overarm throw, catching and climbing.	
Music	In Music we will be introduced to a range of different pieces of music from different genres. We will talk about how these songs make us feel and move as well as discussing whether or not we like them. We will learn how to pick out the instruments in the songs and learn the names of new sounds that we hear. We will learn how to follow the pulse in the music by singing popular nursery rhyme songs including Pat-a-cake, Once I caught a fish alive and Five Little Ducks.	
History	In History we will learn more about the lives of our Grandparents by inviting them into school for a Grandparents afternoon (more information to follow). Between now and then we would like your child to spend some time with their grandparents discussing how lives growing up from then are now different. We would love to see photographs, objects and memorabilia which children can use to talk about how life was different in the past.	
DT	Children will be introduced to the workshop area in our classroom. It is in this space where children will learn how to cut and join in a variety of ways to create their own pictures and models. These skills will later be put to use in various DT projects throughout the year.	

Our enrichment this half term:

We will be inviting Grandparents into school for a special afternoon to celebrate Grandparents Day. This will help the children talk about their special people and share their new classroom. There will be more information about this nearer the time.