



# Southcoates Primary Academy Newsletter

Thursday 12th September, 2024

Early Years

## A Great Start to the Year

The children in Early Years have made a fantastic start to the year and we are really proud of how quickly they have settled and all of the learning that has taken place already.

All of the children have returned to school looking smart in their uniforms and have shown that they are ready for the challenges of starting a new adventure in a new year group. They've been taking pride in their work and have enjoyed exploring their new classrooms.



## What are we learning this half term?

We're excited to start our new theme for this half term: **All About Me.**

In English, we will be reading the stories about starting school, why we are all special and about different types of families. This will help us to draw pictures of our families and re-tell stories we have heard.

We will be learning about how we change as we grow and about why we are all unique and special including our why we love our families. We will also be drawing and painting our own portraits. In science, we will be exploring signs of autumn and thinking about the weather we see in autumn and what we need to wear to stay warm!



### What Can You Do to Help?

- Please make sure you label any of your child's belongings to help us ensure nothing gets lost.
- Each day, your child will learn a new sound in school. It would really help your child to practice their new sound at home each day, using the sound/picture sounds book provided.
- Please read with your child at least three times a week; this has a massive impact on their reading abilities and development as they move through the year.
- Try to help your child learn their numbers to 10. This could be done through counting games or nursery rhymes like '5 little ducks'.
- Support your child to hold a knife and fork correctly when eating at home.

### Dates for Your Diary

Mon 9th - Wed 11th September:	Year 5 Bike ability Group 1
Mon 16th - Wed 18th September:	Year 5 Bike ability - Group 2
Tuesday 3rd October:	National Poetry Day
Wednesday 11th October:	Y3 Pedestrian Skills
Mon 16th and Tue 17th Oct:	Year 5 Bike ability - Group 3
Tuesday 8th October:	Parents' Evening (more details to follow)
Wednesday 9th October:	Parents' Evening (more details to follow)
Monday 21st October:	Whole school Spanish Week
Thursday 24th October:	Halloween Disco (more details to follow)
Friday 25th October:	Last day before half-term break
Monday 4th November:	School opens after half-term break