# Early Years Newsletter - Autumn 2024

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## Communication and Language

Time will be made for us to listen to each other talk about experiences from home with an emphasis on taking it in turns and showing good listening skills Children will be encouraged to join in with classroom discussions sharing their thoughts and ideas about personal experiences using familiar language. The children will be encouraged to answer how and why questions and use new vocabulary.



## <u>Personal, Social and</u> Emotional Development

During this half term We will focus on how your child is special and different, about their families who their friends are and how we can be friendly. We will focus on classroom rules and learning to follow them and build relationships working cooperatively with other children.

#### Physical Development

We will have lots of opportunities to develop and strengthen our gross and fine motor skills.

The children will be developing their gross motor skills developing their strength using big movements, such as climbing, navigating obstacle courses etc. In addition to this, children will have the opportunity to join in with our daily 'Healthy Movers' activities which promotes physical development and wellbeing.

During the term we will be giving the children the opportunity to bring home a Healthy Movers backpack which provides resources for parents to support physical development at home. There is also a free digital resource you can access: yst-healthy-movers-at-home-update-v4.pdf (youthsporttrust.org)

Every week we will take part in Funky Finger activities, dough gym, cutting and tracing activities. They will use mark making tools, like chalk, paint and pencils to build their fine motor skills.

## **Outdoor Provision**

Outdoor provision is an important part of the Early Years curriculum. It would be of great benefit to your child to have a pair of wellies and a waterproof jacket or splash suit that they can leave in school.



## **Voluntary Donation**



We would really appreciate a voluntary donation of £1

per week.

This will be used to assist with buying consumables such as baking ingredients and crafts - all the fun stuff!



Children can put their donations in the class money box. Thank you so much for your support.

## Being part of the Early Years....

We will be learning how to follow new routines; we will spend time each day talking about this. We will learn how important it is to follow instructions so that our classroom is a happy and safe learning environment. For us to become independent learners, we will be taught how to access equipment and tidy away. Sharing and making new friends are a key skill that we will work on and there will be lots of time to talk about how we are feeling.

#### Curriculum



During this term the focus topics will be 'All About Me', 'Amazing Autumn' & 'Celebrations'.

We will be providing opportunities to stimulate the children's curiosity, understanding, knowledge and imagination using stories as a starting point.

In our 'All about Me' topic, your child will be listening to a range of books about feelings, friendships and family. In our 'Amazing Autumn' topic we will explore the natural world around us describing what we see, hear and feel whilst outside.

In our 'Celebrations' topic we will talk about the past through, settings and characters. We will discuss similarities and differences between things in the past and now.

This term we will be developing our phonics skills using the Sounds Write approach. The children will be developing skills in reading, spelling and writing and practising these in a variety of writing contexts.

Math lessons will be focusing on numbers to five and counting, we follow the **Mastering Number** programme, which uses the BBC numberblocks series to engage children with mathematical learning.

RE topics this term are:



Myself - We will look at the importance of our names and that God knows and loves us. Baptism- A welcome to God's Family RE topics for the half-term are- Birthdays - We will look at Advent and the importance of our birthdays and look forward to Jesus's birthday. Other faiths, Judaism - We will look at Hanukkah, The feast of light.

#### Uniform

Full uniform must be worn at all times:

- A school jumper/cardigon
- White shirt (not polo shirt) and school tie
- Grey trousers/skirt or pinafore
- Black shoes
- No jewellery
- No nail varnish
- Long hair must be tied back
- Please name all items of uniform





#### How you can help support your child at home?

- Please encourage your child to practice writing their name every day, by the end of September they should be writing at least part of their name independently.
- Share books with your child during which you could talk about the meaning of new words, ask questions, guess what might happen next and talk about what has happened in the story.
- Practise getting dressed and fastening coats independently
- Talk about school and other everyday events with your child What have they done today? What have they seen? What have they played with?

We will continue to use the seesaw class app as a platform for the children to complete homework, sharing some of their work from school as well as communicating important information. I look forward to working in partnership with yourselves during the year to ensure the children build solid foundations on which to build future learning.

Thank you for your support.

Mrs Robertson & the Early Years Team