

St Thomas More R.C. Primary - Reception class
What I am Learning - Autumn 1: Wonderful Me
 Text: All are Welcome/All Kinds of Families



Area of Learning	Activities	Area of Learning	Activities
Communication & Language	During this half term we will be spending lots of time getting to know each other and we will be discussing ourselves, what we like/dislike, what we look like, our facial features, what makes us special, our families, our pets and our favourite things. Linking with our theme and texts, we will be talking about different types of families and sharing information about those who are special to us. We will introduce 'partner work' during 'carpet time' and we will be asking the children to talk and listen carefully to one another.	Mathematics	Over this half term we will be working on counting our objects accurately to match a given numeral (one-to-one correspondence). We will also be look at numeral cards, recognising the numeral and placing them in the correct order to create number lines. We will also begin to explore 'subitising' where we will be looking at a group objects and identifying how many there are without counting them!
Physical Development	During this half term we will be working on developing our fine and gross motor skills. We will begin our 'Squiggle while you Wiggle' sessions - a scheme that encourages lots of 'big' movements that develops gross motor skills, co-ordination and strength which in turn will develop the muscles and movements for fine motor skills. We will also begin our weekly PE sessions (every Wednesday). We will initially begin by getting the children used to working in the hall space for PE, and then work on basic movements.	Understanding the World	We will be spending time sharing information about ourselves but also finding out about one another. Linking with our text 'All Kinds of Families' we will be sharing information about the lives of our family members and also drawing pictures of our families. We will also be discussing 'Autumn' over the coming weeks. We will go for an Autumn walk around the school grounds and look for any signs of the Autumnal season.
Personal, Social and Emotional Development	We will be exploring different feelings and behaviours during this half term and talking about them. Linking with our themed work, we will be talking about ourselves and others and identify similarities and differences. We will also be talking about our families and how families differ. We will continue to familiarise ourselves with the school day, routine, expectations and 'rules' as we continue to settle into Reception.	Expressive Arts & Design	We will be exploring paints in different ways over this half term. We will be painting portraits of ourselves, looking closely at the colours that we will need to use for our facial features. We will also work in our Transient Art area to create images of ourselves using a variety of resources. We will also explore Art outdoors and create some Autumnal art work during our Autumn walk. We will begin our weekly Music sessions and focus on exploring 'singing games.'

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<p>Literacy</p>	<p>During our Literacy sessions, we will be sharing different parts of our focus texts as we work through the stories. We will be talking about our families, drawing pictures of them and making marks to represent the names of our family members. We will also have writing opportunities linked to our text in our Writing Area. We will also be working in our phonics groups, working on the initial Set 1 sounds.</p>	<p>RE</p>	<p>During this half term, we will be learning our new Prayers and Hymns. During our RE sessions, we will explore the theme that God knows and loves each one of us and God knows each person's name. We will be exploring the question 'Why am I precious?' and we will also be gathering together during Collective Worship to thank God for our families. During this half term we will also celebrate our Class Saint's (St Francis of Assisi) Feast Day!</p>
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