



Reception

Half Termly Update

Autumn Term 1

Dear Parents,

We hope you had a wonderful summer holiday. Your children have settled in brilliantly on their first day, we are so excited to have them formally start school at Duncombe.

A large part of the Early Years is that we focus on the Prime areas and spend time playing, learning how to manage our emotions, share and understand each other's feelings. These elements are ingrained in everyday activities, games and group work.

Maths and phonics sessions will happen daily starting with phase 1 listening games then learning new sounds. You will be invited in to attend a phonics coffee morning and observe phonics in class later in the half term. Reading books will be changed at least once a week, so please bring in book bags daily (we aim to do this on Monday's) At the start of the year these are books for pleasure which you will read to your child and spot certain letters as well as talking about the text.

Our Week:

Music on Monday

PE is on Tuesdays

JK have forest school on Tues PM. TR have forest school Wed PM. Make sure your child has appropriate clothes - wellies, raincoat, warm layers when it is cold. We need parent helpers to be able to go, a sign up list will go on the classroom door so please join us, it is great fun!

ARTIS is on Thursday: ARTIS is a creative learning charity that enables children to sing, dance and act their curriculum.

Friday at 3pm we ask a parent to be 'secret reader', so if you can come in to read a story please let the class teacher know and don't tell your child 😊

We ask that if you can, please give a weekly donation of 50p for consumables is payable to the class teacher, or feel free to give a lump sum for the term if you'd prefer.

We use Tapestry at Duncombe to record some 'wow' moments for your children and share them with you, so please return the consent forms and let us know your email address for you to access it at home and share things they excel at there as well. Ask us any questions you have at home times, we are always happy to help!

Maths

Maths is everywhere in our learning through play. We will particularly focus on: Numbers to 10, counting, more & less, matching numerals, subitizing, pattern and shape patterns, positional language.

Literacy

We use the Talk4Writing literacy programme at Duncombe. Inspiring story telling through a love of books and learning short stories, such as Owl Babies and Baby Mouse. Innovating these stories to change characters or settings. Starting to write by identifying the initial sounds in words.

Understanding the World

This half term is a busy one, we will be learning about:

- Exploring the natural world around them.
- Describing and comparing some environments and habitats that are different to the one in which we live.
- Understanding some important processes and changes in the world around them, including the seasons and changing states of matter.
- Talking about members of their immediate family and community.
- Naming and describing people who are familiar to them.

On Fridays we will be learning about whatever the children choose they want to find out more about during the week. So, the host of topics for this learning is endless!

We will be learning 'All about me' this half term, keeping ourselves healthy and really looking at oral health where we will be brushing our teeth in school daily; this is in addition to you brushing their teeth at home and not in place of. Please make sure you have returned consent forms for this.

This half term we will be learning about The Zones of Regulation. This programme aims to teach children strategies to help them to identify their emotions and cope with these feelings so they can get back to feeling calm and ready to learn.