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Ruby Class

Autumn Newsletter



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Firstly, I would just like to say a big welcome to all the parents and children in their first year at Milldene Primary School. It is going to be an exciting year, full of fun and deep learning. You will be surprised what your children can learn in a year! I have an open classroom policy, so after school if you need to see me or just want to come in and see what your child has been up to, then feel free to come in at any time.

Our learning:

Opportunities are provided in the Reception classes for child initiated structured free play, as well as adult directed tasks that cover all seven areas of learning. For example, to enhance 'Communication and Language' skills children will be encouraged to take part in storytelling and role-play. As part of their 'Physical Development' children will be experimenting with space as well as handling a range of equipment safely and with control. In 'Literacy' children will be introduced to letter sounds through the Letterland Letters and Sounds scheme and will begin to concentrate their efforts on building simple decodable words. The 'Numeracy' focus will be securing ordering, counting and numeral recognition up to 10 and beyond. There will also be a focus on investigating grouping and combining objects.

Phonics

This half term we will start to learn phonics. We will be using a phonics scheme called Letterland, which you will soon be given an information leaflet on. It is a unique phonics approach to teaching reading, writing and spelling. They will have a phonics book which will start with all of their phase 2 sounds in and eventually have their phase 3 sounds added to it. It is great if every now and again at home they can get their books out and have a look at them. They will also be sent home sound and word walls. More information will be provided about these at a later date.

PE

PE will be on a Thursday afternoon, starting from the week beginning the 12th September. Please can you make sure they have their PE kit in school by then? This half term, our focus will be gymnastics, specifically movement.

English

Very soon your child will receive their first reading book. They all start on a book with just pictures in, no words. This is to allow them to develop their ability to tell a story themselves by what they see in the pictures and begin to understand that all books have a beginning, middle and end. They will also receive a library book which they will be allowed to change once a week on a Friday. With their books they will get a reading diary. Please comment in their diaries when you have read with them.

Topic

This term's theme is '**Celebrations**'. We will use a range of popular texts by authors that include Jill Murphy and Michael Rosen such as; 'Peace at Last', 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' and 'Little Rabbit Foo Foo'. The children will have plenty of opportunities to work creatively across the early year's curriculum.

Maths

For the next 6 weeks, we will be looking at number and place value, patterns, the days of the week, language related to time, and positioning (e.g. beside, left, over etc) . Finally, we will begin to look at addition and subtraction.

Teacher Notes:

If possible, could the children bring in a spare pair of wellies and a rain coat to keep in school as we do go out in all weathers?

Remember Our online learning journal 'Tapestry', will be activated from 4pm on Monday 17th September. You will also receive your tapestry guidance booklet on the 17th. Watch this space for exciting uploads of your child's learning at school. We also look forward to seeing uploads from home.

Notes for Diaries:

Thursday 4th October – 3:30 – 4:15pm - Reading with your child Drop in session to look through school reading books and ask any questions

Thursday 11th October – 2:30 – 3:00pm - Open Classroom Children are invited to show their parents/grandparents/carers their work and their classroom

Tuesday 16th October – 4:00 – 7:00pm and Thursday 18th October 3:30 – 5:30pm - Parent/Teacher/Child consultation evenings