

## English

This half term we will be sharing stories and discussing these as a class to develop our reading comprehension and communication and language skills. As the term progresses, we will work our way up to retelling stories using story maps.

We will be focusing on our fine motor skills and pencil control both in English lessons and play, learning to write our name and other key words.

In Reception/Y1 we have daily Phonics lessons to support our communication and language, reading and writing.

# Reception/ Year 1 Autumn 1 Term Newsletter

Please remember to read for 15 minutes **EVERY NIGHT**. Parents, carers, older siblings and pupils can sign reading record entries – these will be checked daily in school.

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## Autumn 1

This half term our focus is 'Let's be Friends'. We will be concentrating on building new friendships and exploring what it means to be a good friend.

## Maths

The topic for Maths this half term is 'Just Like Me!'. Throughout this topic we will look at matching, sorting and comparing. We will match, sort and compare numbers and amounts, shape, pattern and size.

## Computing:

We will be taking part in the iJam program where children will be creating music digitally using a variety of apps.

## Curriculum:

We have a mixture of adult focused activities and child-initiated play in Reception/Y1. Play is a very important part of your children's learning and provides them with plentiful of opportunities to develop a wide range of skills across the curriculum such as communication and language, building self-confidence, developing writing skills and creativity.

## Personal, Social and Emotional Development

As part of our recovery curriculum we will be focusing on working together as a class building relationships and friendships. focusing on the story 'The Way Back Home' by Oliver Jeffers.

We will also be focusing on independence skills such as dressing ourselves and zipping up our coats.

## PE:

PE will take place every Friday morning this half term. Full PE kits must be worn and left in school which must include trainers or pumps. Please make sure that all items are labelled clearly with your child's name.

## Understanding the World:

This half term we will be exploring the world around us by focusing on Autumn. We will look at how our environment changes in Autumn and discovering key signs of Autumn.

## Home Learning Activities:

Learning activities will be set through Class Dojo. These will be fun activities to do at home to support your child with their learning at school.

We hope you find this newsletter useful and if you have any questions or queries, please don't hesitate to contact school on Class Dojo.

Thank you, Miss Hulme.

## Music:

We will be taking part in weekly Music lessons which will help us to develop across all areas of the EYFS curriculum. Our topics include singing, percussion and African drumming.