

Whinney Banks Primary School



This half term in Reception our topic is:-
'All About Me!'



Literacy



We will be reading the books

What Makes Me a Me by Ben Faulks and *Our Class is a family* by Shannon Olsen. We will use these books for the children to talk about what is special about them and our day at school.

We will begin daily phonics sessions to start building on their reading and writing skills.

Maths



We will investigate different ways to sort and match a variety of objects. Children will then look at different ways of representing the numbers 1, 2 and 3.

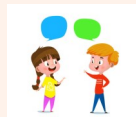
Children will begin to sort objects according to size and weight.

Parents / Carers: Can the children spot groups of 1, 2 and 3 objects?

Communication and Language

Our Nursery Rhyme for this half term is *Humpty Dumpty* and our Number song is *1, 2, 3, 4 5 once I caught a fish alive*. Children will practice these songs with actions.

Children will practice using full sentences in their learning and throughout school, as modelled by staff. They will learn new words through our stories and they will be encouraged to use these in our classroom areas.



Physical Development



We will have daily access to the outdoor area, using a range of resources to support our physical development.

We will also take part in dough disco sessions, to support the development of our finger muscles.

In our weekly PE sessions we will explore different ways to move our bodies.

Personal and Social Development



We will talk about our Whinney Banks values - Be Brave, Be Kind, Be Strong, Be Proud and Aim High. We will talk about our school rules and routines and staff will support children to follow these.



In our weekly PSHE lesson we will be recognising different feelings and talking about when we have felt that way. The different feelings will be linked to the colours green, yellow, blue and red. These are our Zones of Regulation.



Understanding the World

We will be talking about ourselves and our families. We will learn about how we are similar to our friends and how we are different.

We will be naming and labelling the different parts of the body.

In Computing we will be talking about the main parts of a computer and practising using the mouse to draw a simple picture using the programme 2Paint.



Art

Children will be making a unique handprint to create a Reception display.

They will be using a range of materials to make a picture of themselves and their family.



Music

We will learn simple songs and chants, using actions. We will talk about the voice we can use to sing the song e.g. loud or quiet. We will also practise keeping a beat.



Reminders

Children have PE every **Tuesday**. Children are to come to school wearing their PE kit. (white t-shirt or green Whinney Banks t-shirt, black shorts / leggings / jogging bottoms and trainers or plimsolls). Please remember as the weather gets colder children will need suitable PE clothing and shoes as they will still go outside.

All children have a water bottle in school which is available to them throughout the day.

Please can children bring their green book bag to school everyday, as this will help with routines when we begin to send word cards home.

Please ensure your child has suitable clothing for the weather, particularly as we head into these colder months!

Please make sure your child's cardigans / jumpers / coats are labelled with your child's name. We do encourage the children to put jumpers and cardigans straight in their tray however they are still learning how to follow our routines.

Each Friday we will be sending home a fun, short activity for you to complete over the week with your child. There will be the opportunity for you to comment on the activity and send it back to school the following Friday if you would like to.

We would just like to say a big well done to all of the children. They have all settled in so well to Reception over this last week. We are very proud of the start they have made to their school journey!

Thank you parents and carers for your support in preparing your child for Reception. Thank you also for your patience at home time, as we get to recognise all your faces.

Reception Team