

## Welcome to Reception.

The children have all enjoyed the first few days and are interacting and working with each other; as well as alongside one another. They seem to be settling in well.

This half term the children will learn a variety of skills linked to their language, communication and literacy development. They will need to listen carefully to others and join in discussions. They will be given letter sounds to practise at home, please use the phonic sound for each letter not the letter name ( if you need guidance just come and ask). Once the children have grasped some letter sounds they will begin to read words and books regularly at home and at school. This is the year they become readers, it is amazing! They will also become writers; for such little people they do such grown up things! We will be following a new handwriting scheme this year which is the Nelson script and I will give you all a copy of the letter formation at our October parents evening. They will start writing their names on every piece of work they do.

For their mathematical development we will still focus on numbers up to 10 and look at the language of 1 more and 1 less than. We will talk about size using the correct language and compare different sizes. We will use a variety of 2D and 3D shapes in our activities.

The children will use simple Literacy and Numeracy programmes on the computer and learn to use the Smart board effectively.

The theme we will follow this half term is '**Me, Myself and I**'. We will follow activities based on their bodies and how they have changed since they were babies. Our role play area will be a baby clinic where the children can use their imagination and act out certain roles together. We will look at family trees, different feelings and what makes them feel that way, how we are similar and different to each other. Discussing where they live and memories of things they have done or places they have been.

I will ask for any information from yourselves that I need or any items that you can bring in to assist with the activities we will be doing. The notice board on our classroom window will give you any information regarding our classroom routines or things I would like you to bring in so please refer to this daily, thank you!

All of the above activities will be experienced both indoors and outdoors.

As you know pupils have an afternoon allocated within the first two weeks. If you are not sure of that date then please ask.

Could you please label their water bottles regularly with a permanent marker and bring it in each day so your child is able to have a drink throughout the day. We will happily refill them with cool fresh water from our water machine.

If you have any queries then please do not hesitate to ask.

We are very excited to be working with you all this year.

**Mrs C A Parker   Mrs J Aydeniz   Mrs J Fryer   Mrs A McNab   Mrs C Foster**

