

# DINNINGTON FIRST SCHOOL

## AUTUMN 1 CURRICULUM INFORMATION FOR RECEPTION



### Welcome to Reception

The children have enjoyed their first week in Reception; settling into their new routine extremely well. You should feel very proud of them.

The first two weeks when the children are generally in until 1.30pm they become familiar with the layout of the classroom, routines and expectations. They start to get to know each other and begin to develop independence within their learning environment.

During the following weeks we will follow the theme **Who Am I?** where we will look at ourselves; learn so much more about each other. We will use the **Funnybones** stories to look at the skeleton and we will also focus on our senses and do various investigations based on this.

The children will learn a variety of skills linked to their language, communication and literacy development. They will need to listen carefully to others to join in discussions. They will be given letter sounds to practise at home, please use the letter sound for each letter not the 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! They will start writing their names on every piece of work they do. For handwriting we follow the Nelson script, this can be found in your child's pathway book. 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 programmes on the computer and use the interactive board too.

We are hoping to have weekly Debutots sessions this half term. This is where the children will bring stories to life through drama. They will listen to a different story each week, discuss it then become the characters and act out the story through retell. It will be a great deal of fun alongside a vast amount of learning.

If I need anything brought into school or need to remind you of anything I will put a notice board on the fence but we will be using twitter soon too as a way of sharing this information.

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. The children are able to refill them with cool fresh water from our water machine. **Please do not put full water bottles in bags as they can leak.**

If you have any queries at all then please do not hesitate to ask. Another year and another group of children who we are very excited to be working with; children and parents alike.

Mrs C A Parker Mrs J Aydeniz Mrs J Fryer Mrs A McNab Mrs C McGeary Mrs Adcock