

Year R Curriculum and Newsletter - Autumn 1

Welcome to year R!

We are all looking forward to working together with you on your child's learning this year. We will provide half-termly newsletters and hope that the information provided in these letters will give you some ideas to help you work with your child at home.

Our new topic for the first half term is '**All about me!**'

We are sure this will be a very exciting topic to learn about and we are all looking forward to getting started!

**ALL
ABOUT
ME!**



Art gallery

As part of our topic, the children will be producing self-portraits and making their own frames for them.

We would like to give you the opportunity to buy these from our own art gallery (for 50p) at the end of the half term so will be inviting you in on Thursday 12th October at the end of the school day to view our gallery and buy your child's work if you would like to. More details to follow soon.

Voting

The money raised by each class from their art gallery will be spent on something chosen by the children. They will have the chance to vote and be part of what that money buys for their class.

Changing books

We have been sending home reading books since your child first started school with us and hope you are enjoying reading those together at home.

We will change your child's reading book with them twice each week if they have finished it with you.

Please sign or comment in your child's reading diary so we know they are ready for a new book.

Recycling items

We are always grateful for any donations of unwanted items from home which could be useful in our Early Years area.

These items include things like old pots and pans, wooden spoons, leftover wallpaper, ball pit balls, large cardboard boxes etc.

We are also always grateful for comics which are finished with (for our reading areas) and 'junk modelling' items such as cereal boxes, kitchen roll tubes etc.

Any of these items will be very gratefully received in any of the year R classrooms. Thank you.



How you can help your child at home

Reading

Reading together on a regular basis will help your child's progress immensely. Joining the library locally (Carnegie) will also give your child a wide range of reading material.

Number

Working together with numbers at home can be lots of fun. Try weighing fruit and veg together in the supermarket, reading number plates on cars as you walk along, counting out pieces of pasta to see who has the most or baking cakes and weighing ingredients.

All of these things will help, not only with recognising numbers, but with creating a better understanding for your child of what those numbers mean.

Topic

We always encourage the children to bring in any learning completed at home, especially if this relates to our topic. Your child may like to research, draw pictures, write facts or visit the library and borrow books to read on the topic. We would love to see any of this coming into school to be shared.

Homework

Very soon we will be starting to send some small phonics cards home with your child on a keyring. It would be very useful if you could practise the sounds at home. You might want to find things in your home which start with each sound too.

Please leave the keyring in your child's book bag when you are not using it as we will be adding to it regularly as we learn more sounds.

If you have any questions or concerns about your child at any time, please feel free to come in and speak to your child's class teacher. We will all be happy to see you and are looking forward to getting to know you and your children this year.

Dates for your diaries:

- Tuesday 3rd October 9am - Meeting about Parentshare email
- Thursday 12th October 2.50pm – Year R art gallery
- Tuesday 31st October 9am – 'Reading together' workshop, where you will have the opportunity to work with your child.

Thank you for your support,
The Year R team