

Curriculum Newsletter – Autumn Term 1 – Reception

Welcome to Reception and our year of flourishing at Meadows! We hope you find this curriculum newsletter useful. Please remember, we are here to help you! Don't hesitate to speak with us, preferably after school where possible, should you have any queries or concerns. We look forward to a successful year with your child. Please look out for regular updates on our class Dojo pages and in Meadows Mail.

Our Autumn Term 1 Topic: Happy to be Me!

Using our exciting [Dimensions curriculum](#), we will equip our children to build knowledge, skills, attitudes and values through learning about important world issues like conservation, conflict, culture and communication!

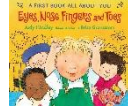
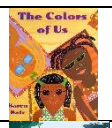
We hope you are all able to connect with us on ClassDojo and are proud of your child in their first week in school. We're excited to share with you how we are celebrating the unique qualities of each child and fostering a positive sense of self. This term, the children will be learning to use their different senses, create self-portraits, write their names, talk about their own families and talk about what makes each of them special. We will sing songs that promote self-esteem and individuality, such as "I'm Happy to be ME!".

Key vocabulary for our topic includes:

Key Vocabulary	
self-portrait	a picture we make of ourselves
individual	a single human being
deaf	not able to hear
blind	not able to see
family	a group of people who usually live together, who love and take care of each other
community	a group of people who either live close together or have common interests
senses	the ways we experience / understand our environment
appearance	the way someone or something looks

Please discuss these words and their meaning with your child. The more they encounter these words, the deeper their understanding will become.

Reading books will be changed on a weekly basis. Further information will be shared in our Phonics workshops for parents on **Wednesday 23rd September** - we hope that you can make it! Please see our website for details.

Core Stories	
	Funnybones - Allan Ahlberg
	Eyes, nose, finger and toes: A first book all about you - Judy Hindley
	The Colours of Us - Karen Katz
	Goldilocks and the Three Bears
	Stories by Jill Murphy - 'Large Family'
	All join in - Quentin Blake

Learning at Home will be given on a Friday and children are invited to bring in a photo of their family to share with their friends. You can also continue this theme by creating a family tree and talking about favourite family traditions. Please remember to share your creations in their Learning at Home books or on our class dojo!

Physical Education is on Mondays and Tuesdays. Please send your child to school dressed in their PE kits on these days. Please [click here](#) to view information about our uniform.

Support from Home:

To support your child's learning further, we would greatly appreciate you:

- ☀ Demonstrating a love of learning and curiosity to inspire your children to do the same; we will be sharing our learning in school via the Dojo app.
- ☀ Sharing your children's magnificent progress and achievements from home.
- ☀ Counting regularly from 0 to 20 (and beyond!).
- ☀ Encouraging your child's independence as appropriate with toileting and dressing.
- ☀ Reading on a daily basis with your child, allowing them to access a wide range of vocabulary.
- ☀ Encouraging your child to follow simple instructions in and around the home.
- ☀ Spotting numbers out and about.
- ☀ Regularly being given the chance to develop their fine-motor control e.g. painting, writing and holding a knife and fork correctly.
- ☀ Helping your child learn to zip their coats and button their clothes.
- ☀ Allowing your child to climb and build their 'big muscles'.
- ☀ Speaking with your child daily, modelling speaking in full sentences.

We can't wait to see our children aspire, grow and flourish this half-term!

Best wishes,

Mrs Burrows, Mrs Davies, Miss Anson and the Reception Team

