

## Year R Autumn 1

### WHAT A WONDERFUL WORLD

This half term we will be learning about families and why different people are special to us. We will also learn about our school. We will then learn about the Christian story of creation and what Harvest means.

### Reading and Writing

This half term we will start to learn individual sounds by following the Little Wandle Letters and Sounds phonics programme. The children will learn how to say each sound correctly as well as how to write them. We will play lots of fun games with sounds and even start to make some words with them. In a few weeks time the children will bring home reading books each week to practise with you at home. Shortly after that, we will start guided reading sessions in class.

In week 5 we will begin an exciting way of developing our reading and writing skills in daily 'Drawing Club' sessions.

### Mathematics

In Maths we will be practising counting in lots of different ways. We will make collections of objects and sort them. We will play lots of counting games which will help us to recognise numbers to 10 and then to 20. Just before half term we will make patterns using different colours and objects.

### Expressive Arts

The children will learn how to use some tools and equipment in the classroom safely. We will teach the children how to use their imagination to make models from junk and design new things to use in our role play area. The children will learn new songs and take part in music lessons each week. We will learn how to use our wood-work area safely and will practise using a hammer and nails.

### Understanding the World

We will begin by learning about our school and the areas which surround it. We will talk about the different parts of our school and what we can see in the distance. We will be talking about our families and learning how families are different. We will be thinking about the jobs different people do and the people who help us.

### Communication and Language

We will be developing our listening skills this term by listening to the sounds all around us. The children will be learning to listen to adults and other children in lots of different situations. We will also be building the children's confidence and asking them to have a go at talking in front of the class.

### Reminders

Please make sure your child has a pair of welly boots in school—we will use them most weeks. Water bottles need to come to school every day and must only contain water. It's a good idea to put a key ring on your child's book bag to help them find it quickly. Please use Tapes-try to send us pictures and updates about the things your child is doing at home.—we love seeing what they can do. Remember to check the school website at the end of each week to see what we have been up to in class: [LINK HERE](#)

## Physical Development

We will be reminding the children of the importance of washing our hands when digging outside, after going to the toilet and before eating. The children will develop their pencil grip during this half term through funky finger activities. These activities help to strengthen their fingers, wrists, hands, elbows and shoulders as they get ready to write. We will also have P.E lessons in the hall or outside every Monday. On this day each week, your child should come to school wearing blue or black tracksuit bottoms and trainers (or shorts if it's hot), a red PE T-shirt and a red school hoodie.

## Trick Box

Trickbox is a personal development programme for children. It aims to develop happy life habits. The children learn different ways (tricks) to deal with everyday situations and their feelings through stories about a character called Drew. The trick the children will be learning this half term is called Mirror Mirror. This trick teaches children to say nice things to themselves when they are feeling sad.

## Personal, Social and Emotional

This half term we will be talking a lot about school rules and how we can keep ourselves safe. The children will be able to share their summer scrapbooks with the adults and children in class. We will be talking about how we can be kind to other people and why it is a good idea to share. We will read the book 'Have you filled a bucket today?' and talk about how we can keep ourselves and others happy by being bucket fillers.

## Religious Education

In RE we will be listening to the Christian story of creation and learning that God gave life to all living things. We will think about what we are thankful for and will explore different ways we can say thank you.

We will learn about why Harvest is an important time of year and will prepare for our Harvest celebration at Catherington Church.

## Key knowledge

Families come in all shapes and sizes. We are all unique but other people can have similarities to me. It is good to be different and we must show love and respect towards everyone.

Catherington is a village where our school is. There are fields, houses and a church in Catherington. We live in England.

Each half term we will learn new 'Wonderful Words' and try to use them. This half term's words will include: Respect, love, courage, emotions, unique, similarities, differences, author, illustrator, phoneme, grapheme.

## Ways you can support your child at home

- \* Talk to your child about the sounds they are learning and practise reading and writing them together (I will put the new sounds onto Tapestry as we learn them).
- \* Help your child to recognise their name by writing it in lots of different ways around the house.
- \* Practise counting in lots of different ways up to 20 and backwards from 20 to 0.
- \* Give your child a number to 20 and ask them to match the correct number of objects to the number.
- \* Read to your child as often as possible.
- \* Ask your child about the choices they made in Discovery Time.