



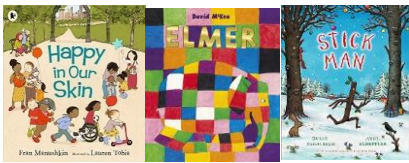
Autumn 1

Welcome back to Dishforth CE Primary School and the EYFS class. I hope you all had a lovely summer. This newsletter will give you information about what we will be learning this half term.

Our Topic



This term our topic is **“What Makes Me a me?”** and **Autumn**. We will be learning more about ourselves, our families and the world in which we live. We will be basing our learning on the following books -



Physical Development

We will be working on developing our gross and fine motor skills. This includes-

Holding a pencil correctly

Making pattern formations such as zig zag, curves, circles in sand, shaving foam etc and then using a pencil

Early letter formation on sand, foam etc



Communication and Language

We are continually developing our speaking and listening skills through carpet and circle time activities. Children also have opportunity to take part in show and tell sessions. All parents/carers will receive a timetable to show what children should bring in for each session.

Maths

Reception will be learning about key times of the day, class routines, use of positional language, matching, sorting and comparing amounts, comparing size, mass and capacity, exploring pattern and number and place value 0-3. Nursery will be learning about colours, sorting and matching



Literacy

We begin the half term exploring a range of books that support our topic, responding to questions about the stories we have listened to.

Reception will begin learning our phonics sounds using the Read Write Inc programme. More information will be provided to parents on how we teach phonics and support you can give at home, in the near future. Nursery children will begin Phase 1 phonics sessions supporting them in listening to sounds and making sounds.

P.E and Forest Schools

Our P.E lesson will be on a MONDAY afternoon. We will aim to be outside for our P.E sessions as much as possible so please ensure children have kit in school for being outside in all weathers. This half term our PE will be Active Athletics, focusing on moving in a variety of ways in and out cones and obstacles and stopping on command. **Our Forest School sessions will take place on a THURSDAY afternoon.** Please can children bring in named wellies in a plastic bag which can be left in school, if possible.

Understanding the World



This half term we will be learning about seasonal changes, especially autumn. We will be thinking about how we have changed from when we were a baby, where we fit in our families and talking about special times in our lives.

Expressive Art and Design

This half term we will be learning about drawing individual and family portraits and colour mixing, as well as listening and responding to different types of music and joining in singing nursery rhymes and songs.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

This half term is all about helping your child to settle into life at school and learning some of the expectations we have of them such as listening, sharing, and being a kind friend, as well a learning about our emotions.

R.E

Our RE topic this half term is “Being Special; Where do I belong?”. This topic introduces children to the Christian, Muslim and Hindu faiths through learning about how babies are welcomed into these faiths.



Home Learning

Reception children will receive picture books to share at home in the very near future. They will also receive a non- word reading book to talk to you about. Please could you look at these books on a daily basis with your child and write when you have done this in the reading record. Reading books will be changed on a **Monday, Wednesday and Friday**. Children will also receive a Speed Sounds book with the sounds we have covered. Please can you support your child in practising these sounds daily.