

William Shrewsbury Primary School

RECEPTION NEWSLETTER - Autumn 2020

A very warm welcome to all our new children and their families. We are pleased to say that the children have already settled incredibly well. This first newsletter is to let you know about some of the exciting things happening in our department this term. Please take a look at our website where you will find links and ideas of things to do to support our learning in school.



Our topics...



This term we will be focusing on 'Me & My Senses', 'Autumn' and 'Celebrations'.

We are going to have a very busy and exciting term learning lots of new things!

The Early Years Curriculum is based around 7 areas of learning, helping your child to develop into a well-rounded independent learner. We encourage the children to do as much for themselves as they can and we always appreciate your help with this.

Maths



- Encourage your child to recognise numbers in the environment.
- Count things around the house.
- Look for different shapes in the supermarket.
- Fill containers in the bath and discuss mathematical language, e.g. full/empty/which holds more/which holds less.
- Bake together, discussing the ingredients as you measure them out.

Reading

We are already busy learning about Kipper and his family who appear in our Oxford Reading Tree books.



We will soon be sending books home for you to share with your child. Please spend time discussing what is happening in the pictures as this will give them a great start to their reading.

Phonics

Each week we will look at several letter sounds.



We will work on their recognition, the sound they make in words and how to form them too. We will be encouraging the children to do lots of 'have a go' writing at school using their developing knowledge. We aim for all the children to be confident to 'try' to write without feeling they can't do it correctly. We will send some sounds home to practise too.

Outdoor Learning

As part of the EYFS curriculum, we spend a lot of time in our outdoor classroom.



We also take part in physical activity on the playground.

Please send your child in a warm, waterproof coat as we do try and get outside every day.

Reminders...

- Please name everything!
- **Water only** in water bottles please.
- Please write any messages in the home-school diary and send it in every day.

Thank you!

