



Reception OTTOWA'S



Useful Information Autumn 1



Theme - Ourselves



The topic this term is Ourselves. The children will be learning to name the parts of their bodies, understand their feelings and emotions, and talk about how everybody is unique. They will be learning about school routine and how to work as part of a team.

Literacy



We will be learning to:

- Identify where class resources belong
- Begin to write labels for items around the class
- Write initial sounds
- Develop sustained story making and storytelling
- Write for meaning and purpose in a variety of narrative and non-narrative forms
- Explore characters
- Explore the story through collaborative play

Phonics



This half term we will be working on Phase 2

In Phase 2, children begin to learn the sounds that letters make ([phonemes](#)).

There are 44 sounds in all. Some are made with two letters, but in Phase 2, children focus on learning the 19 most common single letter sounds.

PHASE 2			
S s	a	t	p
i	n	m	d
g	o	c	k
ck	e	u	r
ss	h	b	f
l	ff	ll	

Maths



We will be covering the following topics this half term:

- Routines
- Matching
- Sorting
- Compare amounts
- Compare size, mass, capacity and time
- Making simple patterns
- Introducing 1
- Circles

Physical Development (PD)



Our focus in PE this term is gymnastics

Children will be able to:

Develop confidence in fundamental movements

Experience jumping, sliding, rolling, moving over, under and on apparatus

Develop coordination and gross motor skills

Understanding the World (UW)



Other Areas of Learning



Computing

This half term we will be learning to:

- Use a keyboard
- Log in and out
- Use the mouse with control by clicking/dragging

Science

This half term we will be learning to:

- Name the parts of our body
- Name the different seasons

Communication and Language

This half term we will be learning to:

- Listen carefully to rhymes and songs, paying attention to how they sound.
- Understand how to listen carefully and why listening is important.
- Understand 'why' questions.

Expressive Art and Design

This half term we will be learning to:

- Create collaboratively, sharing ideas, resources and skills.
- Watch and talk about dance and performance art, expressing their feelings and responses.
- Develop storylines in their pretend play.

Home Learning

Children should read for 15 minutes every night. They will be given two books each week. One is a reading for pleasure book, this should be read together. The other book is a phonetically decodable-banded book for your child to read to you.



Please return the books on a **Monday**. They will be handed back to you on a **Tuesday**.

Every Monday's your child will receive a Google Classroom activity they can complete online.

Home learning is handed out at the beginning of each term with a weekly breakdown with what we cover.

Core Reading text

Our Core reading text this half term is Hello Friend!



Language of the Half Term



Our language of the half term is Somali
22 % of our families speak Somali.

Poem of the Half Term

Our Poem this half term is
Five Little Pumpkins



Skills Builder

This half term, we will be
focusing on: **Aiming High** and **Listening**.



Rights Respecting:

This half term we will focus on the
right to a home and an education.



Key Dates:

- Wednesday 3rd September - start back at school
- Monday 8th September - Y5/6 Curriculum meeting
- Tuesday 9th September - Y3/4 Curriculum meeting
- Thursday 11th September - Y1/2 Curriculum meeting
- Friday 12th September - Picnic in the Park
- Wednesday 17th September - School Uniform Recycling
- Wednesday 1st October - Year 1 Class Trip
- Friday 10th October - Harvest Festival
- Friday 17th October - Santiago (Y6) Class assembly
- Tuesday 21st October - Year 2 Class Trip
- Wednesday 22nd October - International Evening
- Friday 25th October - End of Term



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