

## Reception class

### Michaelmas Term Overview 2016- 2017

#### **Mathematics:**

We shall be focusing on counting, relating quantities to numerals, sequencing and the formation of numbers as well as addition and subtraction. The children will be learning to sort objects according to shapes, colour, number and size. They will become familiar with time in relation to days of the week, months of the year. We will also focus on the use of Mathematical names for 'solid' 3D shapes and flat 2-D shapes and mathematical terms to describe shapes.

#### **Literacy:**

The children will be learning to identify the letters of the alphabet and the sounds they make. The children will be able to identify and write initial and final sounds in CVC (consonant vowel consonant, e.g. bat) words. The children will recognize vowel sounds in words. We will be blending phonetic sounds together to form words in preparation for reading and we will be looking at some high frequency words (sight words such as 'the'). The children will learn the correct formation of letters as we allow plenty of opportunities to practice handwriting skills.

#### **Communication and Language:**

Children will be encouraged to maintain attention, concentrate and sit quietly during appropriate activities. They will hopefully develop a great passion for books and we aim to develop speaking and listening skills through our circle time, news and role-play sessions.

#### **Personal, Social and Emotional Development:**

The children will discover who they are through a variety of activities involving themselves as individuals and members of a community. They will be engaging in activities to develop personal hygiene and gain an understanding of right and wrong behaviour. We will encourage self-respect for others as they develop a sharing pattern and orderliness and the ability to express their feelings with confidence. We will also look at our families and acknowledge the significance of the important people in our lives. We will also be discussing about the importance of a healthy diet.

#### **Understanding the world:**

There will be lots of focus on the body as we study parts and their functions and discover a variety of movements which we can make with various parts of the body. The children will be learning the five senses; they will also investigate objects and materials using all these senses as appropriate. We will also focus on our school environment and the other living thing that share the

space with us. The children will learn about animals and plants. They will also learn that not all plants are safe to touch, smell and taste.

### **Expressive Arts and Design:**

The children will develop a sense of realism in drawing themselves as they are made more aware of the use of colour. They will have the opportunity to be creative and explore with a variety of materials such as paint, crayons, collage pictures, etc. Fine motor skills will be further developed in the form of outlining and cutting. Role-play is an essential part of creative development and this will be encouraged on a regular basis.

### **Physical Development**

The children will be learning to coordinate and balance their body movements. They will develop an awareness of controlled exercise to develop and maintain good health. They will learn about healthy eating habits and take part in discussion of their favourite fruits and food giving reasons for their preferences. There will be a development of fine motor skills and hand-eye coordination through the use of scissors, construction materials, play dough, etc.

The teachers look forward to sharing a great term with children and parents working together in developing the children in all areas.