



RECEPTION NEWSLETTER

Autumn 1



Our topic this half term is: **Me and my World**
Our Big Question is: **Where do I belong?**

Welcome to all our new families, we hope you have enjoyed a lovely summer. It was great to meet so many of you and your children at our stay and play sessions and we are looking forward to all the children starting their Reception journey with us over the next two weeks.

The beginning of the school year is a very busy time, where the children will explore the exciting areas of provision and become familiar with the routines of the school day. Don't forget to check the school website and Seesaw to see all the fabulous things we have been up to every week. <https://www.bsp.leeds.sch.uk/early-years/>

Please remember to send your child to school with a suitable coat everyday (as we love to play outside in reception even when it rains!) and a named water bottle that will be kept in their classroom for them to access throughout the day.

Your child will be given a book bag during this half term and this will include their reading record. The reading record will be for us to let you know about reading in school and for you to tell us what reading they have done at home.

We will be spending some time each week in our newly developed forest garden. We will be going whatever the weather so we would like each child to bring in a pair of wellies and some waterproof trousers. These will stay in school on their peg so the children can explore and enjoy all the activities in the forest garden without worrying about getting wet and muddy.

If you have any questions or worries, please come and speak to us at the end of the school day or message us via the Seesaw app.

Mrs Wilson and Miss Durrant

You can help by...

- Reading lots of stories at home with your child. Ask them questions about the characters, setting and what might happen next!
- Encouraging your child to practise writing their name in different ways e.g. bright coloured pens, painting or using natural materials. Have some **FUN!**
- Bringing in some wellies and waterproof trousers that can stay in school. All named and in a bag that can hang on their peg.
- Ensuring that your child's name is written in their uniform to avoid unnecessary misplacements!



We will also be...

- Painting self-portraits to display in our classroom.
- Having lots of fun making new friends!
- Talking about our families and who is special to us.
- Learning the school rules.
- Thinking about the seasons and the changes that are happening around us.
- We will be thinking about being self aware and understanding our feelings in our one life PSHE sessions.



Our theme for Collective Worship is: **Generosity**



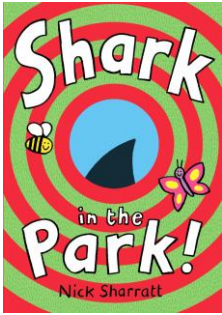
Literacy

We will be reading lots of stories linked to our topic Me and my World.

Children will begin to give meaning to the marks they make as they paint and draw.

In our daily Little Wandle phonics lessons we will:

- learn to recognise and write these graphemes: **s, a, t, p, i, n, m, d, g, o, c, k, ck, e, u, r**
- learn to orally blend these phonemes to read words
- learn to recognise tricky words **I, is, the**



Maths

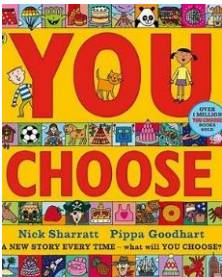
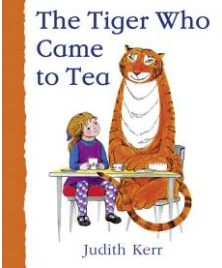
In maths we will be:



- subitising to 3
- composition of numbers 3 and 4
- comparison of numbers through using the language more than and fewer than
- Focus on counting skills
- Shapes and pattern

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/shows/numberblocks>

#MathsEveryoneCan



IMPORTANT DATES:

- Wednesday 24th September**– Individual photographs
- Wednesday 1st October** – Stay and Play 1:45-2:30pm and a phonics information workshop for parent 2:30-3:00pm
- Wednesday 22nd October** – Parents' Evening 3:30-7:00pm
- Thursday 23rd October** – Break up for October half term (return to school Monday 3rd November)
- Wednesday 5th November** – Firework themed Stay and play 9:00-10:00am

