

## Foundation Stage Topic Web Newsletter

Class/Year: \_\_\_ Reception \_\_\_\_\_

Term: \_\_\_ Autumn 1 \_\_\_\_\_



### **Introduction to topic/theme:**

This half term we will be looking at the topic 'Happy to be Me'. This topic is all about celebrating who we are and what makes us unique! Through this we will learn more about your child, including things such as, their likes and dislikes, what is special to them and who is in their family.

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

- Likes and dislikes discussion
- Our special things and places and why it is important to respect and look after them
- People we love
- Our feelings and how to deal with them
- Classroom Rules Book —looking at working together and belonging

### **Physical Development**

- Looking at how different parts of our body help us to do different things, e.g. run climb, jump, swing etc.
- Finger gym activities to develop fine motor skills
- Manipulating malleable materials to create models of ourselves and other people

### **Expressive Arts and Design**

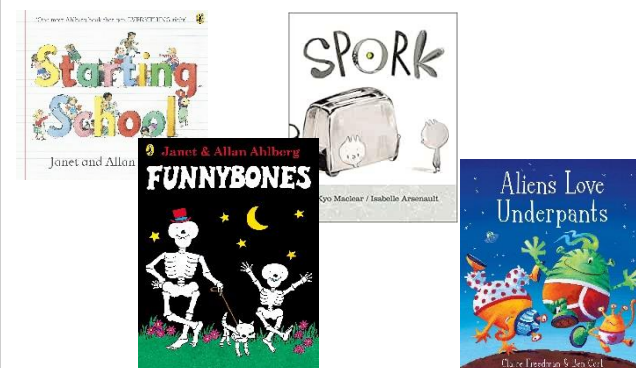
- Using basic 2D shapes to create representations of our homes/faces
- Observational drawings and paintings of ourselves and other people
- Self portraits
- Making cards for people we love
- Exploring music and how this makes us feel

### **Homework**

Please note that we will be providing children with homework books to complete learning tasks from Autumn 2.

### **Communication, Language & Literacy**

Children will be introduced to a wide range of reading material to fuel their interest in reading. We will also be reading the stories below in class and doing lots of activities around them, focusing on listening and attention and recall.



### **Mathematics**

- Counting objects accurately
- Ascribing number names to numerals
- Experimenting with marks and number
- Matching items
- Sorting objects in to groups according to different criterion

### **Understanding the World**

We will be learning about ourselves and other people. We will also be learning about celebrations such as Halloween. Children will talk about customs and traditions that are important to them and we will learn about how to be good members of our communities by looking after each other and the place in which we live.

### **Ideas to try at home**

- Go on an Autumn Walk and collect natural objects in order to make a collage for the season. Bring this in to share with the other children.
- When at home, encourage your child to count – stairs, peas on their plate, fingers, toes etc.
- Listen to audio books and read books at the library.
- Write a card with your child to someone that is important to them.
- Help your child learn how to write their name using correct letter formation.
- Help your child learn how to put on their own coat and fasten it up independently.
- Help your child learn how to put on their own shoes and take them off independently.