



School closes for teaching	Friday 24 th October 2008
School re-opens for teaching	Tuesday 3 rd November 2008
School closes for teaching	Wednesday 26 th November 2008
School re-opens for teaching	Monday 1 st December 2008
School closes for teaching	Friday 19 th December 2008

Curricular Information - Topics for the Autumn term

The focus for our work at the beginning of this half term will be 'The Hospital and Ourselves' followed by 'The Café and Healthy Food'. The children will consider who cares for them when they are poorly and learn to identify some of their bones. Nurse Diane will visit to talk about what medication we should and should not put into and on our bodies. We then change our focus to 'The Café' and healthy eating.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development:

- The children will learn to dress and undress independently, and manage their own hygiene (laced shoes make it very difficult for the child to dress independently & PE shoes should be black, velcroed or elasticated plimssoles).
- They will learn to take turns and form good relationships with adults and their peers.
- They will begin to appreciate the traditions and customs of people from other cultures by dressing up and handling artefacts from India.

Communication, Language and Literacy:

- The children will work on the Jolly Phonics reading, singing and writing programme. We are grateful for your encouragement in completing the daily homework and reinforcing the work done in school.
- They will bring home a simple reading primer which will be changed weekly. Please encourage your child to talk about the pictures - we do not necessarily expect them to read at this stage.
- Each week the children will bring home a library book which they have chosen from the classroom library. It is to share and enjoy with you. Please ensure that the book is returned each week so that another may be chosen.

Problem Solving, Reasoning and Numeracy:

- The children will work on number recognition, formation and counting to 10 and beyond.
- Calculation activities - early addition and subtraction.
- They will explore the properties of various 2D shapes.
- We will work on basic pattern making and repeating patterns.

Knowledge and Understanding of the World:

- In science the children will learn about their bones and about medicines. They will consider how to maintain a healthy body through healthy food, exercise and rest. During the Café topic we will observe the changes that take place when mixing and heating food.
- The children will learn about school and classroom rules.
- They will explore their immediate school environment and then will enjoy an autumn walk around the school grounds to observe the change in foliage.
- Children will learn the correct and safe use of tools, economical use of resources and ways of creating a strong join.
- They will begin to learn basic food handling skills.
- The children will access computer programmes which support all our learning and linking into the Digit Bear assessments.
- They will explore Christianity by listening to stories from the Bible and engaging in corporate acts of worship. During our study of different cultures we will begin to look at India, tasting food, listening to Indian music and dressing up in traditional Indian clothes.

Physical Development:

- The children will enjoy a daily 15- 20 minute outdoor lesson, working in the following areas: gymnastics, parachute activities, dance, small and large apparatus and circle games. A large apparatus lesson occurs once weekly.
- They will have the opportunity to engage in structured, supervised outdoor play, twice daily.

Creative Development:

- The focus for our art work will be printing. The children will learn printing techniques using a range of surfaces and creating different patterns.
- We will make a 'Progressive baby' where the children will learn and practise how to make a range of strong joins.
- They will sing familiar nursery rhymes and learn new topic related and seasonal songs and rhymes.

School Times:

	Gates Open	Children assemble	Children Supervised by school staff from	Whistle / Hand Over	Teaching Begins / Gates Close	Children finish school
Foundation	8.50am	In the Nursery outdoor area	Hand over time 8.55am	8.55am	9.00am	3.05pm

Clothing/Lost property:

We would like to take this opportunity to remind you to encourage your child dress themselves and to fasten his/her own coats in order to encourage independence at school.

Contact with teachers:

If you wish to contact us informally, we are always available for a brief chat at 8.55a.m. and 3.05p.m. or you could make a formal appointment.

With kind regards,

Mrs. H. West (Lead Practitioner), Mrs K Harrison and Miss A Henderson