

Kingsfleet Primary School
E.Y.F.S. Home-School Link

September 2017

Dear Parents

Our theme for the first half of the Autumn Term is 'Ourselves', 'People who help us' and Divali and for the second half of the term it is 'Life in different cultures and Christmas'. These themes will be explored through the following six 'Areas of Learning'.

Personal, social and emotional development

We will be building on the children's ability to work and play cooperatively. Our aim is to develop each child's confidence, independence and high self-esteem. We will be focusing on our bodies and keeping healthy, our families, our friends, our pets and our interests.

Home-Link: the personal and social education of your child is obviously something that is happening at home continuously. Nurturing a child's independence aids his/her development in all areas.

Communication and language

This falls into 3 areas. listening and attention, understanding and speaking. We will be encouraging the children to listen and respond to what they hear and ask relevant questions, encouraging them to follow simple instructions initially, progressing to more complicated ideas and to help them express themselves effectively.

Literacy and Mathematics

The reading scheme books are changed at least once a week, and these are primarily for the child to read to you. Please feel free to record your comments in the yellow reading diary.

We will be looking at numbers to 10 initially and then to 20.

Understanding the world

Science: we will be learning about our bodies, naming the different parts and considering how to keep ourselves healthy. This will involve learning about food, exercise and looking after our teeth.

History and Geography: we will be using photographs to help us to identify how we have changed since we were babies. We will be exploring our immediate and familiar environments.

Technology: we will be exploring comparisons in size through building with construction kits. We will make a weekly visit to the computer suite and start working with the 'My World' programme, which involves simple sorting and developing control of the mouse.

Home-Link: discussing your child's routine with him/her will make him/her aware of the needs of his/her body e.g. the need for sleep, food, exercise and hygiene.

Physical Development.

Many classroom activities will be extended outside. Our P.E. session is on Tuesday afternoon. P.E will usually be outside and we ask that the children have jogging bottoms and a sweatshirt (or equivalent) and trainers especially during the colder weather. The children will still need an indoor P.E. kit consisting of T-shirt, shorts and plimsoles. During this session we will be considering the effects that exercise has on our bodies.

For P.E. ear-rings either need to be removed or they need to be small studs and the child will have to be provided with tape to cover these up. Girls with long hair will need to have it tied back.

Home-Link: all the things done at home during the course of a normal weekend will contribute to your child's physical development, from jumping on the bed to going swimming.

Expressive arts and design

The children will do music, which involves singing and using percussion instruments. Through art activities the children are encouraged to develop skills and express themselves through a variety of media, including, clay, printing making and using contrasting paint qualities.

Home-Links: listening to a piece of music, dancing to it, closing their eyes and seeing what pictures they can imagine, all help the children to develop their listening skills. Discussing prints, pictures in books and magazines and the design of items around the home all help to develop a child's aesthetic and critical awareness. Any opportunity to paint, draw or make up stories is helpful in developing a child's memory and imagination.

We will be asking children to bring in baby photographs in a few weeks time to support our work about how they have changed since they were born.

Children will need to bring in £1.00 a week to cover the costs of snack and cooking. Please feel free to pay either weekly, half termly or termly. This will be £6 for the first half term and £6 for the second half term. This can be paid in cash, by cheque or by BACS.

We have two class bears (they are only small) that do not like staying at school over the weekends or holidays. On a rota basis (depending on behaviour) the children may take one of the bears home to spend time with them. All we ask is that you keep a very simple diary and include some drawings or photos of what the bear has been up to. They are called Alper (pronounced Ulpear) and Pepe. If you are doing anything where you would particularly like the bears i.e. birthdays, special visits etc then let us know and we will try to ensure that you can have them for a particular weekend.

I hope this has provided you with some insight into the types of activities we will be doing. If you have any further queries I will be happy to try and answer them.

Will you please ensure that if someone else is collecting your child from school that you let us know, we appreciate that sometimes this may be a last minute arrangement but a phone call will suffice.

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