



KEY FOCUS: Personal Social and Emotional Development

Making new friends and learning their names.

Learning new routines, rules and expectations.

Taking turns and sharing.

Getting used to being at school every day, managing yourself and your belongings.

KEY FOCUS: Maths

In Maths this term we are learning how to sequence numbers from 0-20, in small steps of course, and dependent on ability and interest!

We are also counting and sorting indoors and in the garden. We are learning to write numerals 1-10 correctly.

KEY FOCUS: Literacy

We are reading a range of stories about starting school, belonging and new experiences. We are using information books linked to our individual interests, such as aircraft or minibeasts.

We are learning to form all the letters in our name correctly then we will start learning to form other letters.

We are speaking to new friends and adults.

We are remembering to say please, thank you, excuse me and sorry.

TOP TIPS:

Starting school is stressful and tiring for even the keenest new learner. Be patient with your child, if they fall back into old 'babyish' habits at home. Try and continue to encourage them to do things for themselves and praise their efforts to be more grown up. Feel free to come and speak to one of the adults in class if you have any concerns. Most importantly remember to get your child to bed nice and early to recharge those batteries.

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THIS TERM OUR TOPIC IS:

'ALL ABOUT ME'

TOPIC:

Our topic is aimed at settling each individual child into school as quickly as possible, to meet their needs and enable them to feel happy and eager to come to school each morning.

We are getting to know each other, our likes and dislikes, what we already know and can do and which new skills we will need to develop.

We are talking about ourselves and our families.

VISITS OR VISITORS:

We have no planned visits or visitors this term as we want to make sure everyone is fully settled into school.

HOMework IDfAS:

Please read your reading book daily.

Practise using a pencil, pen, chalks, crayons and paints to make marks on paper. Talk about what you have created.

NOTES:

Don't forget to make sure your child has a coat every day, as we take them out into the garden come rain or shine!