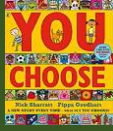




Foundation Stage Term 1 September 2021 Marvellous Me!



Welcome to Christ Church

This is your first curriculum newsletter. At Christ Church Primary School, you will receive one of these at the start of each new term. The purpose of these termly newsletters is to keep you updated with information for Foundation Stage.

Accompanying the newsletter is an overview of the Early Learning Goals for each curriculum area. These are the expectations for **the end of the year**.

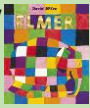
We have also put together some useful information for you to keep and refer to throughout the year as there is such a lot of new information to take in!

In Foundation Stage we talk about being 'Learning Explorers' and call our self-directed learning time 'Explore Time'. During this time the children will access play based activities designed to support them to develop their skills in areas of the Early Years curriculum.

All the children will explore our many inside and outside learning activities and are encouraged to try new things. The children are also taught in focussed whole class sessions, small groups and in one-to-one sessions throughout the school day.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

This term we are focussing on settling into school life and learning the many routines. We are learning all about each other, talking about ourselves and our interests and making new friends. We will use the story Elmer which celebrates being unique and special.



Communication and Language

We will be listening to and talking about stories. Talking about things that are important to us, asking and answering questions and learning new vocabulary.

Expressive Art and Design

We will be using classroom resources to create our own masterpieces! We will also be playing imaginatively with others and using small world and role play resources.

Literacy

We use books as a focus for our weekly literacy and we will begin by looking at one of our favourite picture books You Choose.

We will be beginning our Phonics programme which is called 'Letters and Sounds'. We learn new letters and the sounds they make. This is how we teach reading and writing. We will hold a phonics evening to explain more a little later on. We will be sending home phonic reading books when we have covered a selection of sounds.

Sharing books are books chosen by the children for you to share at home. Your child is **not** expected to read this book, it is an opportunity to share a story and nurture a love of reading. We will put sharing books out on a Monday and Thursday morning for your children to select on their way into school, please return the book before taking a new one.

Mathematics

We will be exploring number and shape through stories, discussions, games and activities.

Subitising which is to instantly recognise a small amount without counting, will be a focus for us.

We will also be focussing on counting skills and understanding the composition of numbers e.g that the number 3 can be made of smaller numbers such as 2 and 1 and 1, 1 and 1.

In addition to this we will be sorting and grouping objects and using mathematical vocabulary to describe shapes and position.

Understanding the World

We will be finding out about our school community and be spending time playing and exploring in our woods. The children will be experiencing the season of Autumn and finding out about the festival of Harvest.

Physical Development

We will be developing our fine motor skills (small movements using our hands and wrists) and gross motor skills (large movements with our bodies). We will be taking part in many different activities to support us with these.

Dates for your diary

Monday 4th October 2021- Individual photographs
Tuesday 12th and Thursday 14th October 2021- Parent Consultations
Wednesday 20th October 2021- End of Term 1
Monday 1st November 2021 TD Day- no children in school
Tuesday 2nd November 2021- Term 2 begins

If you would like to contact any of the Foundation teachers, please speak to us, call or e-mail admin@christchurch.wilts.sch.uk.
Thank you for your continued support.
The Foundation Team.