



MILTON-ON-STOUR CE VA PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers

Autumn 1 Overview of Learning in Maize (Reception)

I wanted to provide you with an overview for the next half term so that you know what your child will be learning about and experiencing in school. I will be teaching the class on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday mornings. During the afternoons the children will be taught by Miss Wood alongside year one and on a Thursday morning taught by Mr Stanford. Mrs Bristow will be the Teaching Assistant with this group of children so there will be a consistent adult throughout the day. I aim to give you an overall summary of the curriculum and the 'heads up' of a few items we are collecting or will be needing. Within the classroom and our outside area we will be setting up play opportunities called 'continuous provision' that supports the learning we are doing across the curriculum, allows the children to practice skills that have been taught and develop their characteristics of effective learning.

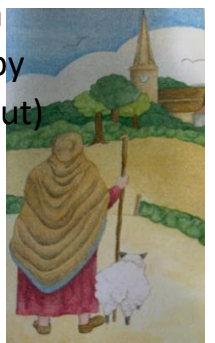
Maths

We will focus on numbers up to ten, counting forwards and backwards and grouping sets to make a number (known as subitising) We will learn how each number is formed and match numbers to sets of that quantity. We will learn about 2d shape, colour and size and carry out activities to sort sets according to given criteria. Helping to form numbers correctly at home and 1-1 counting will help your child in this area of learning.

Phonics

We will carry out our daily phonics program using Song of Sounds stage 1 (you can look up the song for this on Youtube) We will carry out the short session twice in a day as the children learn the sounds alongside the song and actions. Once enough sounds are learnt we will begin sending home simple reading books – your child will have already read this book in school so the focus is on practising to gain confidence. I will put in each child's book bag a sound mat with all the sounds we are learning – on the reverse will be a copy of all the sight words (red words that are learnt by sight and not sounded out)

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Handwriting

We will be learning how to form each of the letters we have learnt – practice at home with this will help your child to develop the correct sequence of movement to form the letter correctly. During our continuous provision and adult led tasks we will be practising a range of skills to help us develop both our gross motor and fine motor skills.

Key Texts

This half term we will encounter a number of key texts including Nursery Rhymes, Ten in a Bed, Elmer, The Gingerbread Man, Chapatti Moon, All are Welcome and the Rainbow Fish. Our continuous provision and class activities will link with these texts. There will be a strong focus on oracy and language development. The children will encounter a number of stories every day to develop a love of literature. Reading to your child at home is still hugely beneficial in their development, alongside them sharing their developing reading skills and joining in with stories and rhymes that they already know.

PSHE

In our PSHE sessions we will be learning about being kind, school routines, special toys and bedtime, brushing our teeth, celebrating who we are, celebrating difference and respect for different cultures. These themes will link to our class texts.

RE

We have introduced a new RE scheme as a school and are now using The Emmanuel Project. This scheme has a specific programme for Early Years. We will be studying the unit Why is the word 'God' so important to Christians? In this unit we will have an encounter with the Islamic faith by finding out about how Muslims show that God is very important. In the first week of our RE we will be making special boxes – please send your child into school with a shoe box sized box that can be opened that we are able to decorate and store special things inside.

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PE

Our PE days will be Thursday and Friday. On these days please send your child to school wearing their PE kit. The children will do PE in the afternoon alongside Wheat class.

Wellies Wednesday

On Wednesdays we endeavour to spend the majority of our morning outside, learning in the beautiful grounds of our school. Please send wellies and warm waterproof clothing as the weather becomes colder and more autumnal.

Family Learning

Each term we hold a session which is known as family learning. This is a planned session for each class where we ask a family member to attend and carry out a specific learning task with their child. These sessions are thoroughly enjoyed by the children and are usually at the beginning or end of the school day and last up to 45 minutes.

Sharing special achievements

Your children are learning and developing quickly at this age and as part of their ongoing assessment we track their learning through observations. If there are any achievements or events that happen at home such as riding a bike, sleeping in own bed all night, family parties or celebrations, mastering zips and buttons to name but a few, then please let us know so that we can add this to your child's learning journal. We will share the journals with you through Parents Evenings and at the end of the year the journal comes home as it belongs to your child.

Assessment

It is a requirement of the DfE that pupils entering into school in their reception year undergo a Baseline Assessment in the first few weeks of school. This will take place in September and will be a series of questions and simple tasks completed 1-1 with an adult that are electronically collected.

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I realise that is probably a lot of information to take in. If you have any questions this term about Maize class please catch me when I am on the gate or speak to Miss Wood at the end of the school day or if more urgent send a message through the school office.

Summary of Things to Do

- Find a shoebox to send into school in week 1
- Book in your diary Welcome Service Date 10th September 3pm in Church
- Try to attend family learning when the date is published – this is for approximately 30 minutes per term
- Send in a note or email if your child has had a special achievement at home
- Continue reading stories with your child as often as possible allowing them to join in with retelling
- Hear your child read when they bring home a book and help with practising letter and number formations
- Read the fortnightly school newsletter when it is sent out by email – look out for dates for Parents Evening as you will need to book a time slot
- Check in to the school website – Maize Class Page to find out what we have been up to.

We are looking forward to what will be an exciting first half term in Maize Class.

Your sincerely

Mrs R Tidby

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