

Broughton Community Schools

EARLY YEARS NEWSLETTER

Autumn 1 Newsletter



Welcome to Early Years! We are really looking forward to getting to know all of the children. This term our topic is: **Marvellous Me**. We will be exploring our topic alongside literacy texts such as: *Oh No, George*. This term we will be focusing on settling the children into their new classes and getting used to our new routines. We will also be starting PE and Forest School in their first full week of school. We know this is a big transition so there may be some tears at the start of the day (from parents too!) however, please be rest assured we will contact you if we need to.

Phonics

We will be starting Phonics within the first few weeks of school. We follow the Little Wandle Phonics Scheme. We will provide a learning pack for you to use at home with your child. We will collect these at the end of the year so please take care of these packs.

Something Special

Our new topic is 'Marvellous Me'. We will be celebrating how the children are all different and unique by sharing what is special to them. We would like each child to bring in 1 item that is special to them to share in a small group i.e. a toy, picture.

Reading

Your child will be provided with a Reading Record and picture book within the first few full weeks of school. Please use these picture books as an opportunity to look at who, what, when, where and why questions when discussing the pictures. You may just want to start with a couple of pages each day and progress to the whole book if they find concentrating for the whole book tricky. When we have finished the first half term of teaching we will send reading books home according to your child's assessment. We will change these books weekly, collecting your Reading Record and Reading Book on a Thursday and them back out on a Friday. Please read their schoolbook 5 times a week at home. Sign and date giving each time you read with your child. Please keep the reading book and Reading Record in your child's book bag as we read with your children in the week.

School Equipment

Please provide a named water bottle for your child each day. We will refill these when necessary. Please also bring in your child's bookbag every day and check it in the evenings, as we will put in any important letters or information for you. Please ensure that toys **stay at home** and do not come into school as we don't want them to get lost or broken.

Literacy - This half term, we will be looking at 'Oh No, George'. We will be looking at retelling, ordering and sequencing the story. In our writing, we will use our initial sounds to retell parts of the story.

Jigsaw

Our focus this half term is 'Being me in my world.' We will be looking at the question: 'Who am I and how do I fit in?'.

Maths

During this half term, we will be developing the children's counting and subitising numbers within 5. We will be comparing sets of objects and using the language of comparison.

Dates

03/09 Settling day 1 8:40-12:00

04/09 Settling day 2 8:40-12:00

07/09 Settling day 3 8:40-12:00

08/09 Children staying for lunch until 12:45

09/09 Children stay for their first full day

26/10 Break up for Half Term

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Thank you for your support!

Overview of topic

This project teaches children about settling in to the new routines and rules of school and encourage them to feel confident in their class and when making new friends. It teaches children about being helpful, kind and thoughtful at home and at school. It teaches the children that they are unique and special.

Talk to a grown up

Can you talk to your grown ups or other family members about their experiences of starting school. Talk about your worries and also what you are excited about. You could draw a picture about what you are excited about.



Draw a map

Can you create a map of your journey to school from your house. You can draw what you see on your way to school, is there any zebra crossings/ shops/ road signs that you see on your way.



Books to share



Our topic this half term is Marvellous Me. Here are some activities you could do around our topic. We are asking that the children complete one of these as a compulsory homework over the half term. Homework

Please can you choose one activity to do at home and bring it in to share by the last week of the half term.

The Lion and The Mouse -

This is a story of love, kindness and friendship. Can you watch the story on the following link - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k14YDCIKn-o> and talk about how the lion and the mouse were feeling throughout the story. Can you draw and picture or write words with your grown up about what makes a good friend.



Roll a Dice

Can you roll a dice or ask your grown up to hold up an number of spots 1-5? Using the number cards in your learning pack can you find the matching number to the number of dots.



Marvellous Me

Draw a picture of yourself and talk to your grown up about what makes you unique and special.

