

# Barn Croft Primary School

## Reception Class Curriculum Newsletter Autumn 2017

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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to Reception class, we have had a fantastic start to the new school year! The children have settled in very well, they are making new friends and are also becoming familiar with the new routines.

Our topic for this term is 'All About Me' this topic links in to all learning areas of the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum:

**Personal, Social and Emotional Development (PSED) and Communication and Language** - children will be talking about their family; if they could bring in a family picture to help with the discussion that would be great!

**Literacy** - children will be writing short sentences about their family

**Expressive Art and Design** - children will be painting self-portraits and drawing pictures of their family members

**Numeracy** - Children will be identifying numbers, for instance how many family members in your family? Children will also be sequencing and ordering numbers.

**Physical Development** - children will have opportunities to play and learn in the nursery environment, this will enable them to develop gross and fine motor skills, as well as providing children with opportunities to engage in free flow play within a larger environment.

**Knowledge and Understanding about the World** - children will be learning about the diverse cultures within the classroom, using the world map to locate where their family originates.

As well as all the fantastic learning opportunities mentioned above Reception class will also be taking part in **PE lessons** on Thursdays. They will be going to the **library** on Fridays to choose reading books. It is important that you support your child to read these books as they are linked to Phonics and handwriting lessons which take place every morning. Reception class will also be having **ICT lessons** on Wednesdays in the computing suite

## Key Events:

**Show and tell** - Children are encouraged to bring in to school on Monday's a toy, book or a small item of significance. This will allow them to take part in show and tell. This an excellent opportunity for children to develop their self-confidence and their communication and language skills, .

**Water bottles** - Does your child have a water bottle that they can bring into school? If so it would be very helpful if they could bring it to school, please label the bottle.

**Homework** - Children will be given spellings every Friday, to begin Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October, please support your child in learning the spellings and writing the words.

**Forest school** - Reception class will take part in outdoor learning experiences at our forest school on site classroom. More information will be provided nearer the time.

**Parent's meeting** - This will take place in October. Letters will be sent home soon so that you can request a time.

**Inset day** - Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2017

I'm looking forward to the rest of this half term and getting to know you and the children. I think they're really going to enjoy what we have planned for them!

Best wishes Miss Gilzene