



# Edmund Waller

## CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER



### IMPORTANT DATES

#### Educational visit to local park:

Friday September 23rd. Please let us know if you can help to supervise the children as an additional adult.

#### Memorable Experience: Children's Learning Showcase:

Thursday 20th October

#### Parents' Evenings:

Wednesday 12th October 4-6pm AND  
Thursday 13th October 4-7 pm

#### Parents and Carers Drop in:

Thursday 6th October  
Thursday 3rd November  
Thursday 1st December

#### Reception Nativity:

Wednesday 14th December

### Year Reception

#### Meet the Year Reception Staff:

Miss Barrow (Class Teacher)  
Mrs Harvey (Class Teacher)  
Miss Thompson (Class Teacher)  
Miss Harman (Early Years Educator)  
Mrs Adaah (Early Years Educator)

### Our Topic this Term is "It's Fun to be Me!"

#### Personal, Social and Emotional Development

The children will be settling in to their classes and getting to know their teachers and each other. The children will learn to be independent and active learners. We will be discussing ourselves, our feelings and what makes us feel happy and proud.

#### Communication and Language:

Children will develop their speaking and listening skills through circle times, stories and conversations about their learning and interests. We will be building a collection of songs and rhymes which they can share with you at home.

#### Expressive Arts and Design:

Children will have lots of opportunities to learn techniques to explore media. They will be encouraged to express themselves creatively through dance, music and role play.

#### Understanding the World:

Children will share their experiences of families. We will be celebrating all the many languages we hear and speak at home.

#### Physical Development:

We will begin handwriting practise to improve letter formation. Children will use tools such as paintbrushes, scissors and tweezers throughout their learning environment.

### PE

We have P.E. once a week and children will need a P.E. kit in school for this. This should consist of:

- ✓ t-shirt
- ✓ shorts
- ✓ plimsolls (Optional. No trainers please).

It is important that children have a P.E. kit to change into on their P.E. days, which are as follows:

Reception B: Friday

Reception HT: Thursday

### Maths

The children will be learning to count all kinds of things that we can touch and play with. We will start to draw pictures to show our understanding of how many things there are altogether.

The children will compare objects and groups, and talk about how they are "the same" or "different". We will use language to talk about size, height and length, and will create a class height chart.

### English

Our focus will be on books and stories, which children will learn to respond to through writing. Our key texts will be *Owl Babies* by Martin Waddell, *Titch* by Pat Hutchins, *Things I Like* by Anthony Browne and *So Much* by Trish Cooke. Children will be introduced to letters and their sounds during daily phonics.

### Home learning

We ask that you share a book with your child every day. There will be two books inside your child's book bag:

- 1) A book that your child has chosen from the book corner.
  - 2) A reading book at their level.
- We will communicate via the reading record. Please fill this in to tell us how your child is responding to books. Thank you!