



Edgewood Primary School

Building skills and values for life

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Rainbow Class Autumn 1 Newsletter

Welcome to Autumn Term 2024

We hope you all had a great summer! It has been lovely to welcome you back into Rainbow Class and begin to get to know the new children and families who have joined us this term. We are so impressed with how well they children have settled into our class routines and started to build new friendships within the group.

Our topic this half term is "All about me". We find this topic is a really nice way for us all to get to know one another at the start of year as we talk about our homes, families and celebrate our differences and similarities. This booklet outlines what we will be learning about in each area of the curriculum.

As always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate in coming to speak to us!

Thank you,
Mrs Tomlinson and Mrs Newton

Personal, Social, Emotional Development

We understand starting nursery is a big milestone for children and we will support them to learn our class routines, make friends and introduce our school values. We will also begin to learn about our emotions using the story "The Colour Monster" by Anna Llenas.



Communication & Language

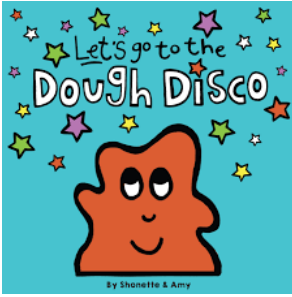
We will support the children to develop their communication and language skills by speaking with their friends and adults and developing their play ideas as a group. Each week, we will have a focus song or poem which we will practise every day. This helps to develop children's vocabulary and will ensure that by the end of the year they have a large repertoire of songs and rhymes that they know by heart. We are sure the children will be able to teach these to you at home too!



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Physical Development



To support the children's developing posture and muscles, we follow a variety of fun, interactive, exercise programmes to strengthen the parts of the body children need when reading and writing. These include 'Write Dance' and 'Dough Disco' alongside yoga and dance sessions. These gross motor activities are so important to help children develop strength in their shoulders, elbows and wrists which will have a positive impact on their handwriting when they move through school. We will also be showing the children what equipment we have on offer to promote their fine motor skills, including tweezers and threading resources.

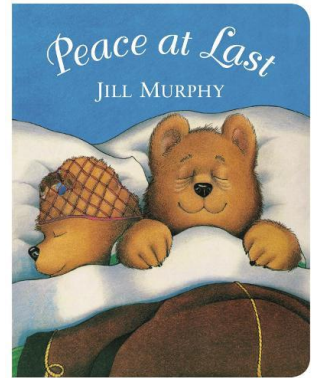
We have daily outdoor sessions where we encourage children to explore moving in a range of ways such as running and climbing. We have PE equipment such as bats, balls and skittles for children to use and develop games as a group.

Literacy

This half term, our key focus text is 'Peace at Last' by Jill Murphy. We will be using story maps and puppets to help us join in with the repeated refrains and begin to retell the stories ourselves.

Each week, we will select a high-quality text which we will read to the children every day. The aim of this is to support children's language and vocabulary development and encourage story telling throughout their play.

We will encourage children to give meaning to the marks they make when painting and drawing and to practise writing their names at the beginning of each session.



Maths

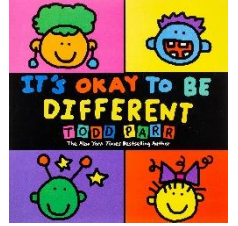
In maths, we will learn to sort objects by a set criteria such as colour or size and begin to recognise and name shapes in the environment.

We practise counting daily through our everyday routines and within our play. We will also be learning lots of new number songs and rhymes.



The World

Over the half term, children will be learning about similarities and differences between themselves and others. We will talk about our families, our likes and dislikes and celebrate what makes us unique! We will use the book 'It's Okay to be Different' by Todd Parr to support these conversations and will paint self-portraits in a similar art style.



Alongside this, we will be thinking about how our environment is changing as we move further into Autumn, as well as learning about Harvest and preparing for Harvest Festival.

Expressive Arts and Design

The children are encouraged to express their ideas and experiences by drawing, painting, building, telling stories through role-play and with small world resources.

We have daily singing sessions to help children learn a range of songs and nursery rhymes.

Reading books

Please use our Rainbow Class library to choose books to share with your children at home. You can change these as often as you like. Your child will also be given a Monster Phonics book to read each week.

We ask that you read a minimum of 4 times with your child each week. In Nursery, this can include any bedtime stories or magazines you read together too!

Labelling items

Please can you ensure all your child's belongings; jumpers and cardigans, water bottles, bags, lunch boxes and coats have been labelled with their name. It can be tricky for children to remember which of these items belong to them and it ensures that we can return any lost items to you more easily.