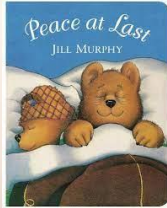




It is so exciting to welcome the children to our school this half term. Despite being at the start of their school journey, we recognise that this is not the start of their learning journey. We use this half term to really get to know the children, taking dedicated time to chat and play. This half term we will be learning about what makes us special, celebrating our uniqueness and learning to live life in all its fullness!

At home talk about familiar stories. Can children describe events in some detail?



Communication and Language

Through interactions, child initiated and planned activities, circle and story times we will be talking about experiences that are familiar to the children, describing what makes us special, developing social phrases and understand why listening is important.

Literacy

This half term we will be reading *Peace at Last* and *It's Okay to Be Different*. We have also started Read, Write, Inc in phonics.



Expressive Arts and Design

We will be learning songs, rhymes, exploring colour mixing and joining in with role play.

Draw round your hand. What do we use our hands for? How can they be kind?



Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We are learning to help others feel welcome, begin to recognise and manage feelings and understand why it is important to have kind and gentle hands. Through learning our school rules and routines we will begin to understand what being responsible means.

Understanding the World

We have been exploring about who is our families and where we live. You could try creating a family tree at home. We are looking forward to our autumn walk to learn about seasonal changes.

Mathematics

We are learning to match and sort objects and pictures, compare shape and size, explore length and capacity as well as copy, continue and create patterns.

Physical Development

This half term we will be using our outdoor provision to teach co-operation games, explore different ways of moving and negotiating obstacles safely. In addition we will be developing children's fine motor skills and teaching children about how to stay healthy including good personal hygiene.



At home, practise putting your shoes/ jumpers/ coats on and off. Can you do the buttons/ zips?