EYFS AUTUMN 1 CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER

Find out all about our Autumn 1 Topic – Who Are You? (Ourselves)

Welcome all our new reception children! We are looking forward to an exciting half term with lots of learning opportunities linked to our topic: Who Are You? (Ourselves).

Term Dates: Tuesday 2nd September to Friday 16th October.
Email Mrs Downey on: reception1@stveronicas.co.uk for any further information.

Don't forget: Please work on letter and number formation as well as name writing with your child at home.
Please read with your child as much as possible and don't forget to sign the reading diary and complete 1 topic homework activity a week.
P.E this term will take place on Monday afternoon. Please remember to remove all jewellery and please can children wear socks rather than tights.
Please help your child to learn how to fasten and unfasten their coats

COMMUNICATION AND LANGUAGE

This half term the children will learn lots of new vocabulary linked to the topic. The children will be encouraged to use this vocabulary in their play. The children will take part in sensory experiences such as feely boxes, investigating smelly pots and sound games.
The children will be encouraged to share their ideas, ask questions and respond to what others say. Children will be supported to take turns and put their hand up.
Your children will have stars in their bags for you to write their achievements on. Please send in your children's 'star moments' so that they can share their achievements outside of school with the class.

PERSONAL, SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The school follows the Coram Life Education scheme.
Our topic this half term is: Me and My Relationships.
The children will learn all about me, what makes me special, my special people, who can help me and my feelings.
We will also look at our classroom rules and routines, how we show respect to others, how we take care of our classroom, our personal targets, our similarities and differences, and health care and hygiene such as brushing our teeth and washing our hands.

PHYSICAL DEVELPOMENT

In P.E this half term, the children will focus on fundamental skills – jumping for distance, hopping on both feet, under and over arm throwing and catching with increasing accuracy.
In other areas of physical development, we will work on developing our gross motor skills by riding bikes and playing with balls, bats and hoops in continuous provision. We will work on developing our fine motor skills with activities such as mark making, threading and cutting. We will also practice getting dressed and undressed independently when we change for P.E.

RE

In our RE sessions, we will be learning about the story of Creation. We will discuss how God made our beautiful world and everything in it including making all of us. The children will know that God loves us, and that we are part of a family.

The children will learn the words and actions of the Sign of the Cross. They will learn that we enter God's family and the church through baptism.

LITERACY

The children will be exploring different texts this half term such as ' Senses Poems' , ' All Kinds of Families' and 'Jim and the Beanstalk'. They will be drawing and labelling family members and writing a list of things that their hands can do. The children will begin to recognise and write their names. They will talk about pictures and recall key events in a story as well as beginning to use their phonic knowledge to read simple CVC words. In their early writing they will use some print and letter knowledge 'm' mummy, forming some letters accurately.

MATHS

The children will be learning to count accurately and subitising within 3. They will explore how all numbers are made of 1s and begin to look at the composition of numbers below 5. The children will compare sets just by looking at them and will begin to use the language of comparison: more than and fewer than.

The children will familiarise themselves with the days of the week and begin exploring 2D shapes. They will be investigating and creating their own patterns as well as sorting socks into pairs.

UNDERSTANDING OF THE WORLD

The children will keep up to date with current affairs by watching Newsround on Friday mornings. We will be learning about Autumn and the seasons changing. We will be exploring our different senses using sound games, smelly pots, feely boxes and food tasting. The children will discuss their family members and explore differences between families. We will also learn how to stay healthy such as eating a balanced diet and brushing our teeth twice a day. The children will learn about different jobs adults do and discuss what they would like to do when they are older.

EXPRESSIVE ARTS AND DESIGN

The school follows the Charanga scheme of work and the topic this half term is – Me! We will be learning to sing and play instruments to nursery rhymes and action songs. We will be listening and responding to different styles of music and share and perform what they have learnt.

The children will also draw their own self-portraits and explore pattern-making with handprints and footprints.