



Welcome to Apricots Class!

Termly Overview - September 2020

Here are a few things we would like to let you know about.

This half term we will focus on settling the children in their class. This term our topic is '**Who Am I**' and the children will be learning about themselves, their friends, their class and their school. As with all our learning, any information you can share with us would also be helpful.

Outdoor curriculum - The outdoor area is an important part of our classroom and as such the children will be using it for their learning in all weathers. Please ensure that they come to school dressed appropriately for any weather.

We love to get messy, and as such accidents may happen. Please bring in a spare set of named clothes in a draw string or carrier bag so that we can change your child's clothes if necessary. **Please make sure all items of clothes, including coats, are labelled with your child's name.**

Reading - We also love to share stories in Apricots class, and we will be reading the stories Owl Babies and Oliver's Vegetables this term. We will use story sacks, story stones and sensory trays to support our learning and to develop our understanding of the story.

Maths - In maths, we will participate in a variety of activities relating to numbers and shape, space, and measure. We will explore and sort a variety of objects, search for numerals hidden in tactile materials, and engage with a wide range of number songs.

Our weekly '**Play Dough Disco**' sessions will support each child to develop their hand and finger strength as they poke, pinch, splat, roll, and squeeze the dough to the song 'If you're happy and you know it!' Developing hand and finger strength will enable the children to engage in '**Kinetic Letters**' activities to develop our handwriting skills. We will also use our magic wands to participate in big air writing.

Phonics - Early phonics teaching focuses on children's listening skills. Our daily phonics sessions will focus on environmental sounds, instrumental sounds, body percussion, rhythm and rhyme and voice sounds. We will also begin to learn the

sounds that letters make (phonemes). Later in the term, we will introduce a 'Sound of the week'. We would be grateful if you could help your child to find something beginning with the letter sound to put in their phonics bag so that they can show it in class. Phonics bags will be provided. In these current circumstances we need to request that all items sent in from home are wipeable!

Below is a list of dates and the letter sound for that week:

21st September m	28th September a	5th October s	12th October d
19th October Recap of m/a/s/d			

How you can help

- *Read to your child/share a book with them every day. Record this in their reading record [these will be sent home in the next couple of weeks].*

Please ensure your child has these items in school every day:

- *Book bag*
- *Home School Book*
- *Snack & drink/lunch & drink [NO NUTS]*
- *Spare pair of clothes, underwear and socks- all items to be labelled with their name*

If you have any other concerns or questions, please communicate with us via your child's Home School book.

Many Thanks

Ellen, Amy, Jade, Katie and Zoe - The Apricots class team!