

Welcome to Puffin's and Sparrows! We hope that you and your children are settling in well to school life. This letter will inform you of the learning we will cover during this half term.

Reminders: Please name every item of uniform and make sure that the uniform your child is wearing adheres to the School's uniform policy. Every child should have a raincoat which is left at school, in case of unexpected rain. Please remember to send your child into school with a filled water bottle each day. We kindly ask you to donate a box of tissues. We will encourage children to 'catch their cold' in a tissue, to minimise the spreading of those nasty coughs and colds during the winter months. You will receive a 'home-school diary'. Please check it each evening and send it back into school every morning. On the inside cover, please could you note the names of persons authorised to collect your child.

Thank you for your continued support.

Miss Brown, Miss Cummings, Mrs Hunt, Mrs Bloor, Mrs Gillani,
Mrs Baker & Mrs Totton.

Communication and Language We will be learning to...

- Listening to stories and rhymes, gradually extending our attention span.
- Follow instructions and listen to other people's ideas.

★ At home encourage your child to look at the person who is talking and take turns in talking. Encourage them to recall the things you were talking about.

Literacy We will be learning to...

- Recognise and write our own names, and recognise other children's names.
- Recall any letters and sounds we know, learn new ones, and use our sounds to sound out and read words. ★ Please make sure that your child has a book-bag so that we can lend them books to read. Once they have read the book, we do encourage you to use other stories that you have at home. We will be putting out timetables to ask for parent readers. If you are able to help us by listening to the children read please sign up; any help will be gratefully appreciated. If you have read before in school then please check that your DBS is up to date. If you are new to reading in the school please talk to the office staff and they will go through the DBS process with you.

★ Encourage mark making at home: writing shopping lists, birthday cards, signs and letters.



Mathematical Development

We will be learning to...

- Count in order and begin to recognise and order numerals from 0 to 10.
- Use the words 'more' and 'fewer' to compare - do more children in our class have brown hair? Do fewer children have blue eyes?
- Use simple mathematical language to describe size linked to Goldilocks and The Three Bears' bowls, spoons, beds and chairs.

★ Look for numbers around you at home or on your way on your way to school.

★ In the kitchen compare and sort your own plates, bowls, cups or spoons by size.



Reception: Autumn 2016

All about Me!

Getting to know each other.

My Home and Family.

Special Events –
Harvest Festival



Personal, Social & Emotional Development

SEAL - New beginnings. We will learn to say something about ourselves and know that we are all different.

We are learning to...

- Speak to other with confidence, make new friends, and share and take turns using a sand timer.
- Know where things are in our new classroom and understand our classroom rules.

★ At home you can build your child's confidence by offering a lot of positive praise and discuss kind things to say to others. Tell us about any achievements out of school.

Physical Development We will be learning to...

- Hold and use a pencil with a correct grip, gain control with mark making, and use scissors correctly, sensibly and safely.
- Develop an awareness of space and adjust speed and direction when playing games in the hall and playground.
- Gain control over fastenings when getting dressed and undressed for P.E. sessions. ★ There will be a P.E. session in the hall once a week. Sparrow's P.E. session is Monday and Puffin's is Thursday. Practise dressing independently at home.

Understanding of the World

We are learning to...

- Use the mouse on the computer.
- Investigate and look for patterns as we discover that lighter materials blow away easily, yet heavier ones do not, to help the Three Little Pigs build a new house.
- Find out about ourselves, our bodies and senses.

In R.E. we will learn...

- To reflect on what makes us special and why and learn about some special people we read about in the bible.
- To know that God loves everyone.

Expressive Arts and Design

We will be learning to...

- Explore how different instruments sound and sing songs from memory.
- Choose colours to paint a self-portrait.
- Combine playdough and sticks to model houses, and try printing with Lego-bricks.

★ Sing songs and rhymes and build a house with Lego or Sticklebricks.