

Don't forget.....

- To send in your child in their PE kit on the day they have PE (Tuesday- Buttercup, Wednesday- Snowdrop, Thursday - Poppy, Friday - Daisy)
- Please label **EVERYTHING** with your child's name including water bottles, school jumpers, coats, shoes etc
- Send your child to school **every day if they are well.**
- If you have any concerns or questions please email the class teacher on the class email address.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO EMPTY YOUR CHILD'S BOOK BAG EVERY NIGHT.

Maths

In the Maths curriculum we will be concentrating on numbers to 10. We will start by rote counting to 10 - forwards and backwards and then start to look at the number system in more detail. This half term we will be creating activities which encourage the children to match and sort different objects and we will be encouraging them to explain why they have matched and sorted them the way they have. We will also be comparing amounts, different sizes, weights and capacities. We will be encouraging the children to talk about and explain how they are the different or the same. We will also be looking at simple patterns and encouraging the children to look and create a repeating pattern.

Communication and Language

We will be encouraging children to talk about their experiences, both in school and at home. For the first few weeks we will be talking about who is in their family and encouraging children to use whole sentences when they are speaking. We will be interested to hear children's opinions, telling us what they do and do not like, what makes them happy and about their friends.

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to William Austin Infant School. We hope that you are finding your way around the school, and that you and your child are becoming used to the routines of the school day. This newsletter is to give you an overview of the learning and the activities we have planned for this half-term. If you have any concerns or questions please don't hesitate to contact your child's class teacher on the class email. There will be a phonics workshop at the beginning of next half term so please look out for the date so you can attend. You will get the chance to watch the phonics session too.

EYFS – Reception

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Physical Development

Please remember to send your child in their PE kit on their PE day. The children will be playing ring games in their PE lesson, classroom staff will be encouraging them to listen to instructions and we will also be teaching them to find a space. We will also be doing some dance work linked to Ourselves. We will be building up the children's fine motor skills using lots activities to build up the strength in their fingers.

Understanding of the World

We will be sharing what we know about our families and they will be looking at the similarities and differences between themselves and their friends. We will be looking at different countries our family live in and also looking at the changes in seasons as we move into Autumn.

English and Phonics

Children will have many opportunities to develop their confidence in reading and writing throughout the school day, and will appreciate your help in the mornings at school and the evenings at home as they recognise and write their names. We will be sending home a name card for you to help your child at home to write their name. We will be starting to learn the letters of the alphabet, please practise the sounds that come home with your child in their green book. We will be learning what a noun is and spotting them in a story. This term we will be learning the story The Hungry Caterpillar, don't forget to ask your child to retell it for you at home. We want to develop the love of reading so please try and share books with your child at home. Encourage them to talk about the picture and what they think might happen in the story.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We are focussing on helping children to feel at home in their new environment, getting to know each other and their way about the school. Our SEAL topic is 'New Beginnings' so we will be looking at ways of making a good start. You have helped greatly by buying and naming school uniform for your child, thank you.

Our September Value is Happiness this is also one of our core values for the school. In class we will be talking about how we can make ourselves and others happy and the importance of being happy.

Expressive Arts and Design

We will be learning to use various tools and learning different skills. The children will have the opportunity to use different resources. e.g. chalk, pastels, crayons. We will also be painting a self-portrait of themselves with a happy and sad face. We will also be investigating different textures.