Our theme this half term is: Family Album

Ourselves

Happy New Year to you all and all the very best for 2023

Our learning this half term will be focused around our theme, Family Album’. We will be linking ourselves and families in all our subjects. In Literacy, we will be doing much fact finding about our families and ourselves and then linking to other families. In History, we will be looking at family life past and present and looking at the Royal family past and present and making comparisons between Queens. We will be thinking about our own family tree and looking at how we have changed since birth. This week please can your child bring in a photo of themselves as a baby for work we will carry out on the 16th of January

**English**

We will begin our literacy in Year 1 and 2 by looking at Paddington Bear and the family life he had when he arrived in London living with the Brown family. We will be sequencing the story, writing letters to Aunt Lucy in Peru and carrying out Recounts. Then we will look at events such as birthdays, weddings and christenings and work on traditional stories. In the Foundation stage children will look at birthday books such as Kippers Birthday by Mick Inkpen, Charlie and Lola this is actually my party by Lauren Child, Harry and the Dinosaurs, have a happy birthday by Ian Whybrow. The Foundation stage children will also look at poetry chants and rhymes through we are going on a bear hunt and Little Rabbit Foo Foo.

**Numeracy**

We will be covering shape, addition and subtraction, length, data handing, money, problem solving and multiplication and division. We will be applying mathematical areas to our topic where possible and we will be applying methods learned to practical activities and real life situations. We continue to follow the abacus scheme.

**Science**

There is no Science. However, the children will continue to have Forest School every Thursday afternoon with Mrs Murray.

**Understanding the world**

The children in the Foundation Stage will be concentrating on their families. Firstly, the children will be looking at babies and understanding how they have changed so far. Please can your child bring in a baby photo for Monday 16th of January. Then the children will look at changes, baby to toddler to child to teen to adult etc. The children will also be looking in detail at their facial features and understanding these features and their uses linking to feelings and emotions. The children will be thinking about special times such as birthdays, christenings and other family gatherings.

**Art and Design**

All the children will be working on self-portraits this half term. The Year 1 and 2 children will look at examples of famous portraits and then work towards producing portraits in pencil, charcoal, chalk, pastels, watercolours and then developing in digital art. Year 1 and 2 children will concentrate on Andy Warhol.

**Physical Education and Physical Development.**

On Thursday the children will be having PE lessons with Marie in which they will be concentrating on ball skills which they have enjoyed in the past, and on Tuesday the lessons will be gymnastics both floor and apparatus.

**Humanities**

This half term we are going to study History then Geography and we will concentrate on families and then the monarchy. Then we will look at the United Kingdom and discuss both human and physical features of various places and finally we will concentrate on London.

**RE**

In RE we will focus on why Jesus is special, Discussions on why we are special and what Jesus did to become special to us.

**Role Play and Small World**

The role play this half term will be a family area. The children will have the opportunity to dress in party clothes and have a party hopefully at the end of term. Our small world this half term will be a dolls house with peg people and we will have tough trays connecting to our literacy books.

**PSHE**

In PSHE this term we will be looking at valuing difference this will connect well to our topic family album.

**Home reading books – Please can you make sure your child has their reading book in their bag at all times and can you try and listen to your child read daily.**

**Spellings – Year 1 and 2 will get new spellings every Thursdat and will be tested on these the following Thursday.**

**Phonics – Reception children will be revisiting sounds/ blends every day and it would be helpful to your child if you ask them to identify the sound they have**

**Learned that day and please keep practising your words and bring into school on Monday so they can be changed.**

**Water Bottles – Please could your child bring in their own water bottle labelled with their name as this is much more hygienic.**

**Thank you for your continued support. Please do come and speak to us if you have any questions regarding our learning this term.**

**Mrs Taylor & Miss Ormerod**