



This term our topic is 'All About Me' and 'People Who Help Us'

This topic is designed for the children and staff to get to know each other and create new friends. We will be playing lots of team building and friendship games to aid these new relationships. After we have settled in we will learn about people who help us, if you know anybody who would like to come and talk to the class about their job in our community please get in touch.

We will begin learning phonics through the scheme of Read Write Inc. Children will learn sounds to help them begin to read, children will learn rhymes and songs to help remember each sound. This year we are sending home a ready-made pack of all the sound cards for you to practise at home with your child, please use this as often as you can at home to aid your child's learning.

When we learn new sounds children will be taught to write each letter. This year we are starting pre - cursive writing, attached to this letter is a sheet to show you how your child will be taught to write each letter. Please encourage your child to start every letter on the line and end each letter with a flick. This way of writing ensures they are ready to join up their letters when they start in year 1.

In Mathematics we will be learning the numbers to ten through counting, playing and songs. When children are confident using these numbers we will be solving questions and number problems. Number cards are included in the pack sent home.

Every Tuesday morning we will have Mrs Isle teach us Religious Education and Music.

Home Learning Packs - These packs are being sent home to further your child's learning at home. **This pack must be returned to school complete in July.** Inside the pack is a bundle of 'tricky words' that your child will learn to read, please practise these as often as possible. When your child has learnt them they will be assessed and given the next set of tricky words. **Please keep the pack inside your child's book bag, they need it at school every day.**

Don't Forget...

- Our PE day is Thursday, please ensure kits are in school on this day. PE kit should include - t-shirt, shorts, plimsolls, socks, joggers, jacket/jumper and trainers. Earrings must be removed or covered and long hair tied back.
- You can come in your own clothes on your Birthday! If your Birthday falls at a weekend or in the holidays choose the day closest to your birthday.
- Please label **all** uniform and PE kit - including shoes and coats.
- Children can bring a named water bottle in each day to access throughout the day - only water in these please.

News

Our whole school reward system is called Evergreen. Every two weeks children who have earned their Evergreen will receive a whole school treat. You will receive a text each Friday to inform you if your child is on track to get their Evergreen.

Children also receive team points for good manners and behaviour. Children all have a House Team, Red = All Saints Upton, Blue = St Helen's Lea, Green = St Helen's Gate Burton, Yellow = St Mary's Knaith. The weekly totals are shown on our School website.

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Attached to this letter are 2 WOW cards please keep these safe. These cards are for you to fill in special moments you have observed your child achieve out of school. This could be learning to play a sport, achieving an award, writing independently or learning something new in Maths! Fill in the form and it will be placed on our WOW Wall in the classroom, please feel free to attach a photograph or the evidence of writing etc to accompany the WOW moment! When you run out, let us know and more can be sent home.

Parent survey - Attached to this newsletter is also a survey for you to complete about your child. This will be really helpful in helping us get to know your child, we will send home regular questionnaires to gain your opinion on your child's progress.

Reminders

Remember to bring a raincoat every day, we go outside whatever the weather!! Please bring a sun hat and sun cream on hot days.

Milk - All children in the class receive milk daily until they are five, please make us aware if your child is not to have milk.

Book bags - To help children to identify their own book bag quickly we are allowing you to put one keyring on the book bag handle.

Follow us on Twitter! - Our class has a Twitter page which is updated regularly with photos and information about what we have been learning. Attached is a reply slip to fill in with your details, please return this to school and we can accept your follower request. Our Twitter name is @YearRLea

This term the theme of Collective Worship is 'Generosity' children who are seen to be showing this value will be nominated to receive the Tully Cup on a Friday.

Please do not hesitate to come and ask if you have any other queries or questions.

Many thanks

Miss Ward and the Reception Team

