

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We will be playing lots of circle time games to get to know each other and learn all about our new school.

We will also learn about the school rules and how they can help us to do our best.

We learn to look after our classroom and to tidy things up when we have finished with them.

Mathematics

We will start our brand new and exciting maths programme called '**Little Big Maths**'. Our maths lessons will be called CLIC lessons.

We will learn to **Count**, to remember counting facts or '**Learn its**', and then to apply these to different contexts.

We will compare amounts of objects using mathematical language.

Our first lessons will focus on numbers to 10. We will also talk about shapes and patterns.

All of our maths work will be underpinned with related activities available to the children within the continuous provisions and around their environment.

Physical Development

We have PE on **Wednesday** mornings. Please make sure your child has a PE kit in school consisting of black/blue shorts, a white T-shirt and black pumps. No football kits or jewellery please! **Please label all clothing.**

Becoming independent is a huge part of this year. We encourage children to have a go at getting changed before asking for help. Please help them to practise this at home, especially unfastening buttons.

In PE, we will learn to travel in different ways and be aware of the space around us. We will also learn a variety of shapes and balances.

In class, we will practice using our fine motor skills by weaving, sewing, and using scissors. This will help us to become better writers.



Autumn 1 – All About Us Caterpillars

Teachers:

Miss Hill

Mrs Lucas – Tuesday afternoon

Teaching Assistant:

Miss Hargreaves

Welcome to a new school year. We hope you had a lovely summer break. We are really excited to meet everybody and to start getting to know you.

We send a newsletter like this every half term to tell you what we will be doing.

Our topic this term is 'All About Us'. We will be getting to know each other, our school and our class book 'The Hungry Caterpillar'.

It has been a fantastic start and we are really excited for the year ahead.

Thank you for your support,

Miss Hill & Miss Hargreaves

Useful Things to Know

If your child does not yet have a book bag please purchase one from the school office so that we can send home a reading record and book. **Please read with your child regularly.** This term we are asking for your help to change your child's book. The books are for discussion so please choose any from the box at the end of the school day.

Homework logs are a great way to encourage your child to practise sounds and fine motor skills which will also help to consolidate the learning they are doing in class. These will be distributed soon.

On Friday mornings at 9am we have a Golden Assembly in Burnaby hall to celebrate the children's achievements. This is followed by a Parent drop-in.

We also have a **class blog** which is updated weekly with information about the learning that we have been doing in class.
<http://www.walkley.sheffield.sch.uk/f2/hungry-caterpillars>

Communication Language and Literacy

We are all excited to be continuing our successful and exciting phonics programme '**Read, Write Inc**'. Look out for a meeting with Mr Wallis focusing on techniques for reading with your child and information about our school lending scheme.

We will learn a new sound each day and we will use 'Fred Talk' to segment words orally into sounds and blend them together to read. Please help your child to practise these sounds at home.

We will do lots of talk for writing using our class soap box. We will talk about the creatures and plants that live under the sea.

We will also learn to write our names clearly using a range of media.

Understanding the World

We will talk about our families. We will look at similarities and differences between ourselves and others.

We will talk about the seasons and look carefully at Autumn objects.

We will also talk about our community and design maps of our journey to school.

Expressive Arts and Design

We will be making our faces out of paper plates and thinking about the features on our faces. Through this we will celebrate how everyone is unique.

We will be doing lots of caterpillar based crafts.

We will have access to a range of resources and tools to make props to display in the classroom.

We will also use our language and imagination in the role play corner.

We will listen to a range of music, sing songs and explore sounds made by different instruments.