

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 will also 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.

Physical Development

We have PE on **Monday** afternoons. 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.**

We encourage the children to get changed independently. 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.



Half Term Preview Autumn 1 Class: The Seashells

Teacher: Miss Baron
Mrs Lucas (Wednesdays)
TA :Miss Turner
Volunteer/lunchtime supervisor:
Mrs Laver

We hope you had a lovely summer break. Welcome to a new school year. 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.

We also have a **class blog** which will soon be updated with information about the learning that we have been doing in class.

<http://www.walkley.sheffield.sch.uk/f2-seashells/>

We are hoping to go on a trip to Walkley library this term. More info coming soon.

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 in the cloakroom.

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.

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.

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.

Our topic this term is 'all about us'. We will talk about ourselves and our class. Our work and play will focus on the story 'Sharing a shell' by Julia Donaldson which is the book that our class name comes from.

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

We will also be use 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.