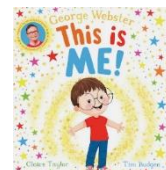
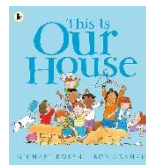
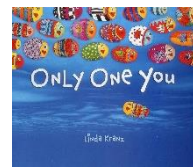


All About Me!

This half term our topic is called 'All About Me!' and the children will spend time over the half term exploring different stories and sharing lots of wonderful things that are special about them.

We will be exploring the books: Colour Monster, Only One You, Super Duper You, This is Our House, Family and Me! and This is Me!

Over the half term, we also have lots of different festivals we will celebrate, such as Diwali and Christmas.



Nursery Rhyme Week

We will be taking part in Nursery Rhyme Week this year from the 13th November – 17th November.

We will be focussing on 5 nursery rhymes: Jack and Jill, Hickory Dickory Dock, Head, Shoulder, Knees and Toes, Row Row Your Boat, and The Wheels on the Bus.

Singing nursery rhymes has so many benefits for the children so please join in with this as often as you can!

The children love our singing time in school, so I am sure they will love taking part in this week.

You can download resources from
<https://www.worldnurseryrhymeweek.com/>



Our Learning

Over this half term we will be doing lots of different activities based around all areas of learning. Here is some of the learning we will be doing:

Literacy – Identifying initial sounds, and starting to orally blend words, writing sounds they can hear and developing their pencil control.

Maths – Counting and comparing numbers, exploring more and less, developing their subitising skills and exploring 3D shapes.

Understanding the World – Exploring different festivals, discussing people who help us, exploring our house and different homes.

Art and Design – Exploring colours and mixing using paint, experience printing and different materials.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development – Discussion around ourselves and what makes us special, including our likes and dislikes and our family.

Home Learning

Why not try some activities at home to help children continue to explore learning that has taken place in school! Here are some examples:

- Explore your family tree – talk about your family and why your family is so special.
- Draw or paint a self-portrait. Use a mirror to talk about what you can see when you look at yourself and try and draw this.
- Explore some hobbies – this could be drawing or collecting natural objects from outside. If you already do a hobby, let us know and we would love to share this with their friends in their class.
- Make some fruit faces – can you use different fruit or vegetables you might have in your house to make different faces!



Home Learning

Each week children receive homework and a reading book to help further their learning at home and continue to develop a love of books and reading.

Please could you encourage your children to complete their homework at home, as independently as possible. We choose these activities based around our learning for that week so that it is accessible for the children.

It is also a great prompt for you to talk to the children about what they have done in school that week.

Please continue to share and enjoy the storybook your child has chosen in school to bring home.

Thank you for your support with this, it is greatly appreciated.



All About Me!

We love listening and learning about what makes our children at school special.

If you have any pictures of your child participating in a hobby such as football or dancing, or something that is special to them around this, please could you send this into school for your child to share with the teacher and the rest of the class. It is a great way of us learning more about our children, as well as an opportunity for children to talk about themselves and develop their speaking skills.



Phonics

We have been so happy with our children's progress over the last half term with their phonics skills, where they have been learning the letter sounds and starting to blend them together. They are doing amazing!

Well done, Reception!