

# EYFS Autumn Newsletter

Dear ..... and family,

**A very warm welcome to Ashton Keynes Primary School. We hope your child is settling into school well, please feel free to come in with any questions or queries.**

For the first couple of weeks along with the rest of the school, lots of our learning will be based on the book 'The River Story'. Amongst other things we will be exploring water, the children will be making their own boats and testing them out to see if they hopefully float!

'Marvellous Me!' will be our next theme and through this we will be continuing to get to know each other, comparing similarities and differences between ourselves and thinking about our families, our homes, our likes and dislikes. We will be asking you to provide a baby photo so that we can discover how we have changed.

As the weather turns chillier we will be using our senses to find out about **Autumn** and the changes in our environment. We will go on an Autumn walk and there will be conkers galore!

As soon as the children start full time we will begin our teaching of phonics. We will be holding a phonics information afternoon for parents on Wednesday 26th September in the school hall at 2.45pm.

## Reading...

In the very near future your child will be given a reading book and home-school reading record book for you to record in. More details to follow.



## PE...

PE will take place on Wednesdays. PE kits will be sent home at the end of every term.

Your child's PE kit should contain the following:

T shirt (house colour), shorts, daps/plimsolls, track suit trousers/leggings, and spare socks. PLEASE MAKE SURE IT IS ALL NAMED!

If your child has long hair, please make sure it is tied up on PE days.

## Snack Time...

Every morning the children will have snack time together. They will be provided with a piece of fruit, and milk if you have ordered it. This is a very sociable time where the children share any 'wow moments' and take part in 'Marvellous me' show and tell.

## Our Curriculum...

Alongside our teaching of phonics and maths we meet the EYFS curriculum through a range of topics. We try to tailor our planning to meet the needs and interests of the children in the class. Please fill in the attached form to let us know about anything your child is particularly interested in and would like to explore during the year. In the past we have had a variety of themes including: Space, Pirates, Fairytales, Castles, Under the sea and Minibeasts.

We have also based our learning on specific books like 'The Stickman' and 'Elmer'.

Whilst we cannot promise to include every requested theme of interest we hope to include as many as we can!

## General Reminders...

Please ensure all belongings and clothing are named clearly.

Please make sure your child has a water bottle in school every day and that it is clearly labelled. These are to be kept on the shelf above your child's name. Your child will have free access to these all day.

As the weather moves into winter your child will still be spending much of their time outside, so a pair of named wellies and a water proof coat are essential.

We hope that this letter has answered some of the questions you may have. We would like to reemphasise that you are very welcome to drop in and speak to us.

Mrs Crowley and Mrs Serle and the Early years Team

**Child's Name**.....

**I would like to learn about**