



# Curriculum Newsletter



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## Personal, Social and Emotional Development

As part of this area of learning we are getting to know each other. We are finding out about the routines and expectations of the Reception Unit, what resources we have and how to look after them.

## Our Topic:

### This is Me!

This is a lovely topic which helps us get to know the children and their families. Please email your class teacher with a family photo which can support these discussions by Monday 23rd September.

## Communication and Language

We are establishing our listening rules this half term, these form the foundation for all our learning;

- sitting still
- looking at who is talking
- being quiet
- listening to all the words

## Physical Development

This half term we will look at a range of skills linked to the area;

- fine and small motor moves such as lacing, using pens and scissors and mark making tools
- moving safely in a variety of ways such as running and jumping
- looking at making healthy choices

## Books we will be reading

Our texts this half term will be linked to books about ourselves and families as well as life events. This may include the books;

- Peace at Last
- The Colour Monster
- The Large Family Stories
- Owl Babies

## Literacy

We will begin Phonics this half term. Phonics is about learning the letter sounds to support reading. The sounds we will be focussing on are;

- s, a, t, i, p, n, m, d, g, o

The tricky words we will focus on are;

- l, no, go, to, the, into

## Understanding the World

We will look at what makes us the same and differences and find out why we are all special.

At Forest School we will explore our natural environment and look at the seasonal changes.

## Expressive Arts and Design

The children have access to a wide range of creative resources such as paint, playdough, pencils and pens. We also have dedicated areas for role play, music, singing and dancing. Throughout the term we will focus on skills linked to these areas.

## Mathematics

We will begin our Maths sessions by looking at sorting, matching and comparing objects by quantity. We will introduce the language of same/different and more/fewer.

[Key Instant Recall Facts](#)

This is a list of the number facts we teach each year at Catshill First School.

## PE Kits

Both classes will have their PE session on a Monday morning; we will begin these sessions on **Monday 16th September**.

All children need to have a PE kit in school;

-a white t-shirt

-black shorts

All kit needs to be clearly named in a bag which is also clearly named.

We send home half termly for a wash!

## Forest School 1

Autumn Term - We will begin sessions **w/c 23rd September** and run throughout the term.

**RB - Wednesday**

**RM - Friday**

On Forest School days children are to come into school in appropriate clothing e.g. tracksuit bottoms and jumpers. Arms and legs should always be covered but in colder months you may need to have additional layers and extras such as hats or snoods.

## Forest School 2

Please send in named waterproof clothing, (tops and trousers or an all-in-one) and wellies in a named bag for children to change into.

This bag will be sent home after each Forest School session.

## Additional Information

Please only send in a water bottle if your child has a lunchbox.

All uniform will need to be clearly named.

Keep an eye on the weather forecast and send in coats, hats etc as needed.