

Dear Parents,  
Here is our first topic for the new academic year. Please also see the Weekly Newsletter for ideas about supporting your child's Learning Journey. Each week we will send you some questions to explore with your child based on our theme of the week ahead, as part of our starting points. This gives children greater learner involvement in their work and requires deeper thinking.



**Enjoy!**

### **Wow Event:**

- Starting school

### **Topic Outcome:**

- Be able to write their first name
- Be able to draw a recognisable figure
- Be able to talk about their family and friends.

### **As writers, we will:**

- Develop correct letter formation
- Write labels or captions of ourselves and our family
- Draw and label our story maps
- Write labels for our classroom
- Create a class Behaviour Chart

### **As readers, we will:**

- Enjoy a variety of stories
- Talk about what we have read
- Learn and re-tell popular traditional tales
- Review letter sounds
- Learn tricky words for reading and writing

## **I'll Be There For You...**



### **As healthy movers, we will:**

- Enjoy using a variety of large and small equipment
- Learn to move over, under and around obstacles safely
- Try lots of new healthy foods

### **As communicators, we will:**

- Talk about, explain and listen to others in reflective discussions
- Hold conversations about our friends and family

### **As individuals and friends, we will:**

- Learn to accept the needs of others, take turns and share
- Show friendly behaviour by talking to new people
- Remember to say please and thank you

### **As mathematicians, we will:**

- Say and use number names in order, and begin to add one more and one less
- Start to use mathematical language when talking about shape and size of solids and flat shapes

## **Foundation Stage 2** **Autumn 1 2018/19**

### **Children's ideas:**

Please talk with your child about their family and friends. Find out what they are interested in learning about on that subject. Write down any exciting ideas and send them to the class teacher.

### **As artists/designers, we will:**

- Draw or paint self-portraits and pictures of friends
- Make structures with different materials

### **As geographers, we will:**

- Learn about our school and the local environment

### **As musicians, we will:**

- Learn songs about our bodies
- Experiment with sounds and percussion instruments

### **As historians, we will:**

- Talk about our own past
- Learn about our family background