

## Physical Development

PE will take place every Monday once children are in school full time. This term our PE focus will be team games and parachute games. Children will also have lots of opportunities to develop their physical skills during choosing time. We will be having daily dough disco sessions and handwriting sessions to support children with their fine motor skills, pencil control and letter formation.

## Literacy

This term is all about getting our children prepared to read and write. Children will be listening to and joining in with lots of different stories. Children will also begin to learn sounds through Read, Write, inc. During the first full week back children will be given an Oxford Reading Tree book and some words to practice and share at home with you.

Children will also have lots of opportunities to practice those important pre-writing skills through mark making, creative activities, handwriting sessions and lots of name writing activities.

You can help at home by: Encouraging your child to draw and tell you about their drawings. Practice writing their name and praising them for having a go. Sharing your child's reading book with them and practicing their words.

## Communication and Language

Our focus this term is on listening to and talking to others one to one and in small groups. We will also be listening to stories in small groups and as a whole class.

You can help at home by: Looking at books together and sharing stories by discussing the picture and what is happening in the picture.

## Personal, Social and Emotional development

Our Main focus this term is to ensure that children are settling well. Our first few weeks will be about getting to know our environment and each other and forming those important relationships.

## Expressive arts and design

This term children will have lots of opportunities to be creative! This will include our home corner, creative areas in the classroom, small world area, storytelling area, creative activities both inside and outside, adult-led and child-led activities. We will also undertake weekly music sessions.

## **Hurricanes Class Newsletter**

**Our Imaginative Learning Project is:**

**'Do you want to be friends?'**

**Do you want to be friends? Do you want to play with me?  
Explore these questions and more in this learning project  
about friendship, being kind and working together.**



### **Dates for your diary:**

**5<sup>th</sup> September 2017:** First day at school

**11<sup>th</sup> September 2017:** First full day at school and Parents reading meeting 9:00am

**20<sup>th</sup> October 2017:** Last day of term and Friendship Party 1:30pm, Parents welcome to attend

**Date to be confirmed: Stay and Play session.**

## Mathematics

This term we will be concentrating on number recognition and counting.

Children will have lots of opportunities throughout the day to practice these skills including through our daily routines, choosing and adult-led activities. We will also begin to name 2D and 3D shapes and start to describe their properties.

You can help at home by: Seeing if your child can recognise numbers in and around your house. Can they also count to check amounts? E.g. How many sausages are on their plate? etc

## Understanding of the world

This term we will be learning about similarities and differences between ourselves and others. We will begin by sharing our 'All about me boxes' so please do not forget to bring yours in. We will also look at similarities, differences, patterns and change in the environment during our outside choosing time.

### Other information

- Please make sure all uniform is labelled with your child's name. It makes it much easier to ensure jumpers make it back to their owners.
- As the sun is still shining please ensure that your child brings a hat and sun cream, ensuring that the sun cream is labelled and handed to the class teacher.
- If possible, can wellies and spare clothes be kept in school for your child.
- PE will take place on a Monday morning please ensure your child has their PE kit (white T-shirt, black shorts and black pumps).
- Please bring in a water bottle for your child to use in the classroom.
- Once your child receives their reading book please bring it into school everyday.