

Waterfall Curriculum Letter Autumn 2016

Our theme this term is "All about me!"



Throughout the term, as part of our science work, the children will be taking part in a range of activities to develop their knowledge about themselves, their lives and their bodies. We shall be reinforcing existing knowledge and understanding of body parts, but extending this to recognise how we use different parts of our bodies for different activities. We shall be thinking about how to keep our bodies healthy through exercise and a balanced diet. We shall also enhance our knowledge of our senses, and exploring in depth what each is used for. For the second half of the term we shall switch our attention to classifying and identifying other animals, recognising that humans are in fact animals too!



For the Geography aspect of our topic we shall be reinforcing our knowledge of the United Kingdom and exploring the area in which we live and go to school. We shall hopefully be going out on many trips around the local area to enable us to find out what is around us. In History we shall begin to develop a sense of chronology and begin to order events from our own lives. We shall be thinking about families and exploring differences between life now and in the past.



We shall be developing our awareness and understanding of feelings and emotions throughout our topic, thinking about our relationships with others and what makes a good friend! We will talk about why we should care for others and the wider world, and why it's important to do so. We'll also begin to explore what makes our world special and learning some of the creation stories from different religions.

We shall continue to extend our knowledge and understanding of the various celebrations and festivals taking place throughout the term, including Diwali, Halloween, Bonfire Night, Remembrance Day and of course Christmas! We are hoping to hold another Diwali day and Halloween party, as we always have such a great time! As in previous years, we are also hoping to go to see the local Christmas lights and displays. Last year we were lucky enough to take the children to visit Santa at Drayton Manor! It was a truly magical experience, with the Christmas trees and decorations, and it even snowed! We would very much like to go again this year, but we need to find out a little more about costings and timings, but wanted to gauge interest at an early stage? Please could you let us know your thoughts and whether you'd be willing to make a contribution towards the trip? We would aim to keep the costings as low as possible, and if you have any thoughts or ideas that may help us, please do let us know, but if it proves too costly we would seek to find an alternative, and once again if you have any suggestions, please don't hesitate to let us know!



Our PE days are Tuesday and Thursday. The children need to have their PE kits in school, at the start of each week, consisting of white t shirts and black shorts and plimsolls. We will be doing gym and games this term.



The children will be offered snacks each day. You can either send in snacks or drinks for your child or send in £2.00 per week. Wholemeal toast is also available to purchase from school each morning break at 10p per slice.

Hopefully we have given you a brief introduction into our topic this term, but if there is anything else, including forthcoming events, we will be sure to write it in the diaries! As always, please feel free to write in them, we really do enjoy reading your comments and finding out how the children are feeling about school and special things they may have done at home. If you have any queries or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact us, either through the diary, phone or we can make a time for you to pop in for a chat!

We hope you've had a lovely summer holiday and that the children are raring to go or another fun packed year...we certainly are!

Many thanks for your continued support,
The Waterfall Team ☺

Key dates so far: * Roald Dahl dress up day: **Tues 13th September**

* Parents Evening: **Tues 4th Weds 5th Oct**

* Individual Photographs **Thursday 27th October**

