



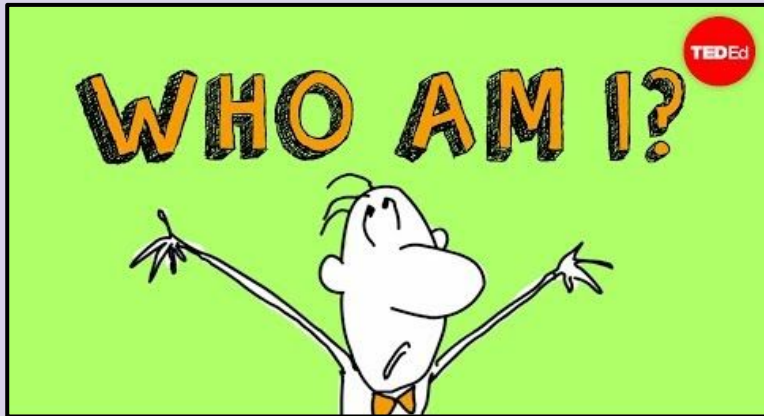
SOUTH BOROUGH PRIMARY SCHOOL

Early Years Newsletter - Term 1

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The BIG question...



Welcome



Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to Reception at South Borough Primary School, we are looking forward to getting to know both you and your children over the coming year.

Please take a look on Google Classroom regularly to gain ideas and inspirations on different learning activities you could do with your child together.

Literacy



This term while reading our book 'Our class is a family', we will be working on our communication by listening to stories and responding with comments, questions or actions. Children will also be learning about the characters within the story, the author and illustrator. We will also encourage children to both retell the story and tell their own stories about their families which will include characters a plot and settings. Other books we will be looking at this term include 'Head to toe' and 'The Tiger who came to tea'.

Mathematics



This term our focus in maths will be to look at the key times of the day and become familiar with class routines. We will be exploring the continuous provision inside and outside. We will talk about where things belong and learn different positional language. For example: above, below, on top, behind, between, inside, outside, next to. This will also help us to learn and practise other skills such as sorting and matching resources.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

This term, we will focus on being able to take turns, accept the needs of others and become aware of the consequences of our actions. We are going to develop their sense of responsibility and being a member of our community. We will support children to be confident when interacting with other children. We will help children to be more aware of their own emotions and start to develop strategies to manage these. We will encourage children to be dry and clean during the day and to manage their own basic hygiene.

Understanding the World



Our big question "Who am I?" will lead us to lots of opportunities to talk about ourselves. We will be learning about different families, homes, countries and cultures.

At South Borough we celebrate being different and unique and value each individual member of our community.

Expressive Art and Design

We will be learning how to construct with purpose in mind using a variety of resources to create models and props for simple stories.

What the children create will then be used during independent play. We will be creating songs, rhymes and simple stories and using dance and music to help express ourselves.

Physical Development



We will be developing our independence when getting dressed and undressed, for example putting coats on and doing up zips. During lunch times we will also be working on our independence when using a knife and fork to cut our food and eat by ourselves. Children will also be encouraged to carry their own food to their tables and tidy up after themselves.

Communication and Language

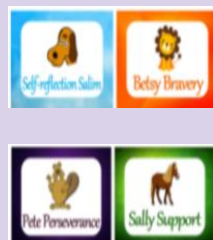
Children will be concentrating on developing their communication and language. We will be asking questions such as 'How many people are in your family?', 'Do you have any pets?' and 'What do your family celebrate?'

This encourages the children to develop skills such as understanding, speaking, listening and attention.

Rainbow Rules



Core Values





Jigsaw

Children will be learning about:

- Understanding how it feels to belong and that we are similar and different;
- Starting to recognise and manage their feelings;
- Working with others to make our school a good place to be;
- Why it is good to be kind and use gentle hands;
- We all have a right to learn and play;
- Being responsible.



Speaking and Listening (talking points for you and your child at home)



Using the texts below please use the following ideas to promote discussions with your child at home:

Who am I? Who are my family, loved ones? Who are the people who look after me? What am I good at? What are my likes and dislikes? Do you have a special talent?

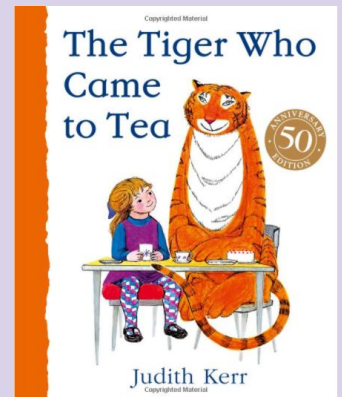
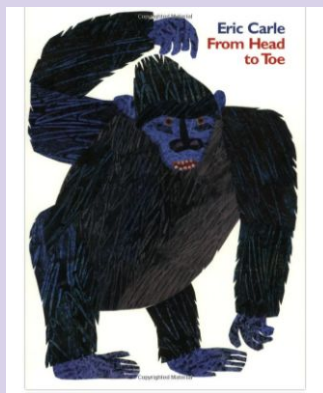
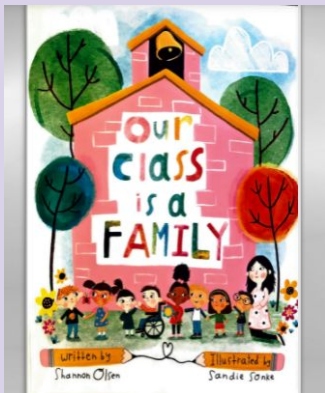
We also encourage you to discuss the children's activities at school. Ask "What went well today at school?" or "What good thing happened at school today?". We would also ask that parents and carers continue some learning with skills such as sorting, discussion, listening or matching.

Recommended Reading for this term



Please find below our reading for this term, including YouTube links to video readings:

- [Our Class is a Family \(Literally Cultured Read Aloud\) by Shannon Olsen](#)
- [From Head to Toe by Eric Carle || ANIMAL SOUNDS! \[CC\]](#)
- [The Tiger Who Came to Tea by Judith Kerr | Read Aloud | Classic tales](#)



Reminders and Important Dates



- [South Borough Primary School Dates Ahead 2021-2022 \(Version 1\)](#)
- Please remember to label/name all of your child's belongings
- Please remember to queue when dropping off and collection your child

Home Learning

