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## Autumn 2:

Well done to all the children on a fabulous first half term. Thank You for your patience and understanding during the building work, it is greatly appreciated. This term we will be learning all about ourselves and also looking at Winter.

### Please remember:

- Please put names onto all uniform including jumper, cardigans, coats and shirts.
- Please bring a spare change of clothes for your child (this does not have to be uniform). Children can bring their own school bag.
- Please ensure that your child has weather appropriate clothing, including a warm coat when it is cold. We aim to go outside every day in all weathers.
- Please bring a named water bottle in for your child. This is very important as we are not currently having cups in classrooms.
- Children will have access to milk and fruit every day. Please do not bring any food into school.
- Please return home school diaries and upload to dojo by the following Wednesday.
- Please pick your child up promptly at home time at 11.45am/ 3.15pm.

### Home Learning

Thank You to all parents who are currently accessing sharepoint and class dojo. Please familiarise yourself with this as home learning may be online and also learning will be online if our bubble closes. Instructions are in your child's pink home school diary.

### COVID 19

Please ensure that you wear a face mask and drop your child off from a distance to the Nursery door. We aim to dismiss children one at a time to ensure social distancing so Thank You for your patience when picking up your child. If your child needs to self-isolate or if our bubble closes learning will be put onto sharepoint or dojo. Please ensure you have access to this. If your child tests positive over the weekend or on Friday, please email [covid@awepa.org.uk](mailto:covid@awepa.org.uk) as soon as possible.

### Theme:

All about me- What makes me special?

Winter- What happens in Winter?

### Personal, social and emotional development:

We will be continuing to build relationships with others and develop our independence. Children will be encouraged to choose their learning and independently choose resources. We will also be talking about how to solve conflicts and talking about our emotions.

### Physical development:

We will be focusing on both fine and gross motor skills in Nursery. This half term, we will be focusing on beginning to write some letters from our name. Children are encouraged to use their name cards and add their name to all their learning. Can you practice at home/?

We will also be practicing kicking a ball, walking up steps, jumping, running, and using the different resources in the Outdoor Area. We will be modelling how to use new resources in the Outdoor Area once building is completed.

### Communication and language:

This half term we will spend lots of time talking to children and building relationships. We will be introducing new vocabulary to describe objects. We will also be focusing on sentence building.

We will also be doing lots of singing and dancing, action songs and singing lots of Nursery Rhymes. We will be using lots of visual prompts to help to develop language.

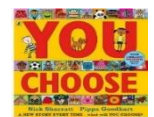
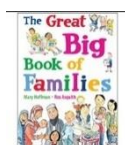
We will be asking questions about the world around us.  
We will be talking about what happens during Winter.

### Reading & Phonics:

Our curriculum texts are:

- The Great big book of families- Mary Hoffman
- You Choose- Pippa Goodhart
- All kinds of people- Emma Damon

We will also be reading lots of different stories, including topic books, fairy tales and familiar stories. Children have story time every day before home time.



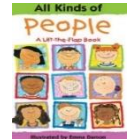


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We will also be talking about Christmas.

Please try to read with your child every night. You can talk to them about what you have read.

We have now started Phase 1 Phonics sessions daily with the children. This focuses on different aspects of listening including listening to sounds in the environment, exploring with instruments and listening to rhymes.



**Writing:**

This half term we will be drawing lots of pictures and beginning to make marks to write. This could be dashed, lines and circles. Miss Marshall will be modelling lots of writing and modelling the initial sounds in words.

We will be making marks using lots of different media such as chalks, paint, glitter, and water.

**Numbers:**

We will be singing lots of number songs and rhymes in school and encouraging children to join in with the words and actions.

Last week we started our 'Number of the week'. We focused on numbers 1 and 2. This half term we will focus on numbers up to 10, focusing on one number each week.

We will also start practicing counting to 10 and counting objects. We will practice counting each object carefully and saying the total number.

**Shape, space and measure:**

This half term we will be looking at 2d and 3d shapes. We will be naming shapes and beginning to talk about their properties, looking at shapes in the environment and using 2d and 3d shapes to make pictures and models.

We will continue to use the visual timetable and use time language such as 'first' 'next' 'then' and 'after that'

**Understanding the world:**

Children have access to an investigation area, science area and lightbox. We will be making faces in the lightbox and using natural materials.

We will also be talking about and exploring with our senses.

We will be learning about Winter and will be exploring with ice and melting, going on a Winter walk and looking at polar animals.

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**Expressive arts and design:**

Children have access to a creative area and painting easel during provision times. They can use this area to create pictures and models using the different resources available.

We will be encouraging children to use the resources available to make creative pictures and also modelling how to use the painting easel to create pictures. The children have fantastic creative skills!

**VIPS:**

During VIP meetings, parents will be invited into school to look at children's learning and books and speak to teachers about learning and progress.

Unfortunately, due to the current situation, we are not yet able to invite parents into school. We will inform parents of when we are able to host VIP meetings.

**Dates for the diary:**

- Friday 23rd October - School closes for the half term holiday
- Monday 2nd November - School opens (08.50am-15.15pm - please ensure you are on time to ensure bubbles do not mix, ensure you wear a face covering and maintain social distancing) Monday 23rd November 2020 - Chester Zoo visit Friday 18th December - End of term

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