



Believe ~ Learn ~ Grow

Autumn Term 1

Creation



Friday 10<sup>th</sup> September

Dear EYFS Parents / Carers,

We hope you have all had a fabulous summer and are as excited as we are about our first term together at Lydiard Millicent! Please find attached a copy of this term's topic web. This gives an outline of the teaching and learning experiences for this term.

Following our baseline assessments, the topic this term is called, 'Creation'. This is a whole school topic and, in EYFS, we will use the book 'Here We Are' by Oliver Jeffers to support our learning. Throughout the term, we will focus upon each of the seven days of creation and undertake a variety of activities linked to these in order to develop the children's understanding. Alongside the classes in Key Stage 1, we will produce a large scale piece of art, depicting the seven days of creation, as well as a collaborative performance, which we shall look forward to sharing with you.

You will notice there are home learning ideas for each area of learning on the topic web. If you wish to complete these activities, please add them to the Interactive Learning Diary (further details to follow). This is a great opportunity for us to work between home and school as a partnership.

Once the children have settled into school, we will begin to send home reading books. Initially, these may be books with no words. Please spend time with your child talking about the pictures and encouraging them to tell the story using their own words. Through our phonics teaching, your child will build up their knowledge of the sounds that letters make and develop confidence in blending these sounds into words. Once this skill is emerging, we will send home books with words. We encourage you to share the reading book at home with your child for 5 - 10 minutes every day. Please date and sign the reading record and feel free to write a comment. It is important to share the same book with your child on numerous occasions so they can make predictions, develop fluency, learn the tricky words and respond to comprehension questions when finished. Please keep your child's reading record and reading book in their book bag and bring it to school every day. In class, children will read to a member of staff three times a week. We will also send home the phonemes (sounds) the children are learning. Please practise these sounds daily at home as this will make a big difference to your child's reading progress. Further information will be given when these are issued. Please also watch out for our Introduction to Phonics video for parents which will be shared with you in the coming weeks.

Our P.E. session will be on a **Tuesday**. If your child wears earrings, these will need to be either removed for P.E. days or medical tape can be kept in their P.E. bag for your child to cover them up (the children will be responsible for applying and removing the tape). Any children with long hair will also need this tied up on a P.E. day to ensure their safety with equipment.

Our value this term is *Generosity*.  
Giving something we value to someone else  
Encouraging the best in each other  
Never selfish  
Enjoying helping others  
Raising support for a good cause  
Offering what we can  
Sharing our time and talents  
Inviting someone to join in  
Taking care of God's creation for future generations  
You first, me last.

As detailed on the Induction PowerPoint, it is **vitaly important** that you name **all** of you child's clothes and belongings. It is very upsetting for children if they lose their belongings and so difficult for us to help find them again if they are not named. We understand that it is a time consuming task but urge you to spend the time now rather than face the expense of replacing lost items.

The children will be provided with a daily piece of fresh fruit or vegetable as part of the government free fruit and vegetable scheme. Please ensure you have registered your child onto Cool Milk if you wish them to receive milk during snack time.

We love to celebrate your child's *WOW* moments both in school and at home. To help us do this we ask you to send in a *WOW* moment when your child has done something special, tried something new or done something that makes you say *WOW!* We will send home several 'Wow moments' sheets and ask that you send them in to school whenever appropriate and they will be shared with the class and displayed on our '*WOW* board'.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to phone or email the school and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Mrs Trinder and Mrs Baker