

All the FS1 staff would like to say a huge welcome to all the new families and children who have started school this year. We are looking forward to the exciting year ahead.

Each half term we will be offering an exciting new topic that will allow children to learn through their play. All seven areas of learning and development will be covered throughout the year.

## Reminders and Notices:

**Collecting children** ~ To ensure your child's safety; we kindly ask that once you have collected your child at the end of the school day you cannot return to the classroom until your child's class teacher has sent their class out. Children will therefore have to wait to collect forgotten items. As you can appreciate it's important for us to know who is inside the school building at all times.

**Junk Modelling** ~ we would be very grateful if you could save and bring into school things that we can use. Items such as clean yoghurt pots, cardboard tubes (not toilet rolls) and flattened cereal boxes are of great use for children to create models. We also need old or unwanted birthday or thank you cards in the writing area.

**Boots and Coats** ~ please can you ensure your child has a coat and wellies/boots for outside play. All children access the outdoor areas every session, so it is important they are appropriately dressed. We have a welly shelf if you would like to keep a pair of wellies in school.

**Please make sure all items of clothing/footwear are named.**

*Please do not hesitate to pop in and see us at the beginning or end of a session if you have any worries or concerns about your child.*



### Dates for your diary-

'First days in FS1' stories will be sent home a few days after your child's first days in school. Please read it with your child and fill out the comments section and return to school asap or by Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October

**Open Day Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October** ~ This will be an opportunity for parents/carers to come into school to see how the children learn through their play and learn more about how early Phonics, Communication & Language and Literacy is supported in FS1. More information and sign up sheets to follow nearer the time.

There will also be a Christmas Crafts Open Day in December where there will be lots of fun things to make and do! Look out for more details after half term!

# Norton CP School



## F1

## Autumn Term 1 2017

## All About Me

**This term the children will be focusing on:**

**Personal Social and Emotional Development:**

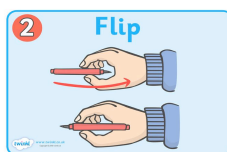
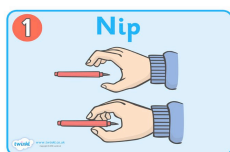
- Our main focus is to support the children as they settle in to their new routine at school. The children will learn that they are special, through sharing experiences and talking about themselves and their family.
- We will be supporting children to take turns and share with others through lots of games and activities. We will also be encouraging the children to be more aware of other people's feelings.

**Communication and Language:**

- We hope you have all had chance to share the nursery rhyme books over the summer with your children. We will continue to enjoy these rhymes and they will support your children to develop their communication and language skills.
- When communicating with all children at school we will be encouraging them to use longer sentences to explain their thoughts, needs and feelings. This will be done through modelling and extending their language. We will also be saying and signing words such as 'yes, no, please, thank you'.

**Physical development:**

- The children will be supported to access all areas of provision, familiarising themselves with new resources and equipment in order to use large and small movements.
- The children will have the opportunity to explore the playdough, construction and fine motor activities to help develop the muscles in their fingers in preparation for drawing and writing.
- To encourage the children to develop healthy rules and routines at school, we will be taking them on a 'toilet train' at regular intervals throughout their session. This will ensure they are developing the skills they need to become independent.
- Ask the children about our 'nip, flip and grip' strategy for holding writing tools!



**Literacy:**

- We will be singing and sharing children's favourite nursery rhymes, songs & poems. Children will be encouraged to listen attentively and join in with all the words they know.
- Children will experience mark-making using a wide variety of materials and tools. They will be encouraged to give meaning to the marks they make when drawing pictures of themselves, their families and lots more.

**Mathematics:**

- To get us all excited about numbers we will be exploring a range of songs, games and activities and doing lots of counting throughout the sessions.
- We will be using the language of size to compare, and then order different objects.
- The children will be learning to anticipate specific time based events as they get used to their new routines in FS1.

**Understanding the World**

- We will be learning 'All About Me', thinking about what we look like and asking questions such as: Are we all the same? Where do we live? Who is in our family?
- Activities will include talking about favourite things to play, our friends and family.

**Expressive Arts and Design:**

- Children will be supported to create collages of themselves looking in detail at what they look like in a mirror. They will also be able to explore the wide range of creative, writing and building resources we have in F1.

**Wow Moments:**

- It is also great to hear about any news or special occasions that have happened over the weekend or any milestones children may have achieved at home. Please fill out Wow moments for your child to share with their class and teacher.

