



Elm Class Update - Week 2

Autumn 1

Dear parents and carers,

The children have settled well into school and are now beginning to remember daily routines. We start the day with investigations learning through play. Play matters to us at Easington C of E so we place great importance on starting our day with free flow play between inside and the garden classroom areas. During this time the children are encouraged to follow their own interests with adults in support challenging and extending play when appropriate. Tue to Fri we have a Focus Child and a Reporter. All of the children are on a roster so that they all have a turn at key roles.

- The Focus Child is the child that we observe learning through play.
- The Reporter will have a mark making and drawing activity to complete.

This half term our theme is 'Marvellous Me!' We will be getting to know the children and all the wonderful things that make them unique. The children have begun by working very hard to draw portraits of themselves in their school sketchbooks. On the first page, using black fine liners the children have drawn themselves and tried to mark make their first name. Once finished we will be displaying the children's wonderful work in the classroom along side a photo of their family.

Photos - During the following few weeks, we would appreciate a small family photo to be sent into school with your child. We will colour copy your photo and return the original back to you. This photo will be displayed in the classroom alongside your child's portrait.

Uniform – Thank you to families that have written their child's name in every piece of uniform including shoes, PE kit, coats and wellies. I can't stress the importance of this. Please double check all uniform and add names if you haven't done so already. Thank you

Wellies – Wellies are an important part of EYFS kit. When the children play in the outdoor area, they are required to take off their shoes and put on their wellies. Please ensure your child has a pair of wellies in school to keep in their locker. Please ensure your child knows how to take off and put on their shoes independently. Laces in EYFS are discouraged, unless they can fasten the laces themselves. Many thanks

Blue Book Bags - Just to say, school uniform includes a school blue book bag, a big thank you to the families that are bringing them into school. We would be grateful if children bringing 'backpacks' to school would keep them at home and replace them with a blue book bag only. Thankyou.

Safeguarding - Just a quick reminder to ask families to give me a little wave when your child is at the front of the line at the gate at home time. I would appreciate it if families refrained from waving to children until their child is at the front of the line ready to go. As I'm sure you can appreciate It can be confusing and a little bit distracting for adults to know who we are sending a child to if lots of families are waving at the same time, especially when adults are learning new family faces. Many thanks 😊

Areas of Learning

Communication/ Language and Literacy

This week we will continue to encourage the children to recognise and mark make/write their name on models, drawings and paintings. We will begin to draw ourselves and our families in sketchbooks. The children will be encouraged to mark make their own and family names.

Mathematics

This week we will begin to share White Rose Math's Phase 1 stories linked to early years math concepts that we will begin to teach during the coming weeks. We week we will be sharing and discussing stories such as Beep Beep Vroom Vroom by Stuart J Murphy, The button box by Margarett Reid, Duck in the truck by Jez Alborough and Dear Zoo by Rod Campbell.

Warmest regards,

Ms Lilley