

Dear Parents

Over the next seven weeks our class will be studying different subjects which will be linked with the theme '**Me and My home and the rest of the world**'. In this way we believe that the children will gain a greater understanding of the world around us and why learning is important to us all if we are to become responsible and independent learners.

If children understand why they need to learn something and see its relevance to their own lives not only will they actively enjoy their learning but also they will achieve higher standards in their work than if they see no point in their learning.

Each theme is based around the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) Skills that are needed to be mastered by our children and during this seven week theme of '**Me and My home and the rest of the world**' we will be covering the EYFS Skills in Literacy, Maths, Science, History, Geography, Art and Design, and Design and Technology. Below is an outline of what the children will be learning about:

Literacy	Baseline Assessments., Name writing, Early mark making, Retelling a story, Captions and labels, Information pages, Narrative story - places pupils have been.
Maths	Baseline Assessments, Number: Place Value (within 10) and Number: Addition and Subtraction (within 10)
Science	Working scientifically and Inheritance
History Geography	Understanding chronology - My Family, relationships, origins. Where do I live?
Art and Design	Drawing and digital media through self portraits.
DT	Practical skills - using our hands to build and make.

Every child will experience a variety of different ways of learning including reading, writing, mathematics, problem solving, illustrating, working independently and working collaboratively and their progress towards the EYFS Skills will be continually assessed again in a variety of ways.

I know that as parents you are keen to support your child in their learning and would ask that you talk to your child about what they are learning during this theme – let them teach you!

I would be very grateful if you could spend some time completing the phonics homework, and the themed activities and if anyone has anything they think might be of interest to our topic or experience and knowledge please let me know as soon as possible, as the more information and support that your child has, the more successful their learning will be.

I would like to thank you all for your support with your children's learning - it really does make a difference. If anyone has any questions as to how to help your child please do not hesitate to get in touch with me at the earliest opportunity.

Yours sincerely

Miss S Houghton – Class Teacher

