## All about me

Rationale- Our first learning journey to start the new school year is 'All about me'. This learning journey is all about getting to know each other and to help the new children settle in to school. As it is a new school year the children will be getting to know each other through a range of 'Working with Others' activities and during our RE sessions on 'Belonging'. The reception children will be focusing on having a go at mark making within their play and will also begin to learn their sounds during our phonic sessions. The Year 1 children will be focusing on writing sentences and having a go at writing a letter. Some of the key texts we will be using include- 'Hug', 'Peepo', 'Funny Bones' and 'Big book of families'. Within Maths we will be recognising and ordering numbers and will begin to add numbers using objects and numicon. The children will have the opportunity to complete a range of practical activities within Art and Science with a focus on their bodies, senses, family and pets. Indoor PE this half term will be Dance and outdoor PE will focus on ball skills.

End Date: 9.10.17

CLV:

Communication and Independence

Thinking Skills

Being Independent Learners

Hook: A visitor will arrive in the classroom called 'Ron' he will have a letter with him that explains he is starting school too and needs a home to go to every weekend. Everyone will get the chance to take Ron home during the term and can record what he gets up to in a special journal which will be shared with the class every Monday.

**Role Play:** The inside role play area will become a 'Home corner'. The children will be able to play, look after babies and take on household jobs. The outside area will have opportunities for the children to explore all the 7 areas of learning.

## Take home Task:

Please can all the children bring in a photograph of themselves as a baby to share with the class, thank you.

**Due-** 15<sup>th</sup> September 2017

**Outcome:** To finish our learning journey 'All about me' we would like the children to bring their parents to school. On Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October from 2.30-3.15pm we would like to invite you to come and enjoy school with your child. We will have an activity for you to do and then we will have story time together before home time.

**Koinonia:** This term we will be talking about our local area and will have the opportunity to visit the church for our Harvest service. We will be making sure we are on our best behaviour, listening carefully to instructions and treating the people we meet with respect and care.

## Focus Areas.

YR: Personal, Social and Emotional development

40- 60 months- To form positive relationships with adults and other children.

To work as part of a group/class and be able to understand and follow rules.

Y1: Spoken Language

To ask relevant questions to extend their understanding and knowledge

## How you can help at home:

<u>Year R</u>: At this early stage of the year our main priority is making sure that the children are settling in to school. For some children asking them about their whole day may be too much so, try asking them what their one favourite thing about school was each day, maybe you could share your favourite thing about your day as well which will act as a model. Expect your child to be tired! So sharing a book together each evening and talking about what is happening in the pictures is a great activity to start with. Please record your comments in the yellow home link book. Any opportunities for counting such as singing songs, counting stairs and playing board games will all help your child with their mathematical skills.

<u>Year 1:</u> Continue to support your child with their mental maths skills including recognising numbers 1-100. Have a go at using practical opportunities for children to add and subtract such as how many cups are on the dinner table? Do we need to add some more or take some away?