



Shelton Infant School

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Topic Work

For our first half term, we will be learning all about ourselves. We will be talking about our families and discovering the differences and similarities between them. We will be getting to know each other and exploring our school environment. We will also be learning about our bodies and how to keep them healthy. As the season starts to change, we will start to learn about Autumn and Harvest.

Useful Vocabulary

family house home

family members—grandparent, brother, uncle etc.

healthy unhealthy fruit vegetables

exercise Autumn leaves trees Harvest

SPECIAL EVENTS:

18th September Drop in coffee morning
8.45am-9.30am in the Hall

18th September Meet the Teacher meeting
2.45pm- in classrooms

26th September Reading meeting @
2:40pm in the Hall

14th October Harvest (no pre-school children)
10am in the Hall

15th October Harvest (pre-school children can attend)
10am in the Hall

24th October Magical Maths Day—details will follow

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Literacy:

We will be playing lots of games and taking part in speaking and listening activities to encourage these skills.

The children will all take part in daily Little Wandle phonics sessions. We will also be learning how to write our name, trying to form our letters correctly and making sure we start our name with a capital letter. We will be taking part in daily 'Funky Fingers' activities too to improve our fine motor strength and control.



Maths:

We will be investigating numbers 1-5. We will learn how they can be represented, what each number is composed of (5 is made up of 2 and 3 or 4 and 1) and compare different quantities. We will be singing lots of songs to help us with our counting too. We will also be learning about shapes (2D and 3D). We will learn their names and explore how they can be used to build structures.

You can help your child by...

- Talking with them as much as you can about anything and everything!
- Sharing books together and talking about the pictures, characters and words.
- Counting objects around the home, even up the stairs!
- Looking at and naming shapes and colours around the home and when you are out and about.
- Practising putting on own coats and fastening buttons and zips at home to make your child more independent.
- Encouraging your child to be as independent as possible when using the toilet and washing their hands.

Story Chest Books

