

## Maths

This half term we will be thinking about colour, size, shape and texture of objects to support children's language development and descriptions.

We will be learning to:

- Match, sort and compare.
- Talk about measures and patterns

We will provide the children with lots of practical activities using a range of objects and providing them with opportunities to share why they have made that choice.

## Literacy

This term we have a plethora of books that delve into our emotions, self esteem and sense of belonging. These books will inspire the children to engage in high quality discussions about the characters and themes of the book. We are starting on Phase 2 phonics and will be practising on our letter formation of these sounds in order to start writing and reading cvc words. The children will be using their letter formation skills to also practise writing their names.

## Communication and Language

Children are encouraged to use new vocabulary in different contexts as they play. We are encouraging questioning as we introduce question words, so the children can build upon known concepts to add depth in understanding.

## Expressive Art and Design

We will be immersing ourselves into self portraits and learning to use different materials to draw our own self portraits. What colour are your eyes? The children will use mirrors to focus on their different body parts and talk about what they can see.

## Personal Social and Emotional Development

This half term, we will be focusing on 'Being me in my world'. We will be talking about how we all belong to Darley Dene and other clubs or groups we may also belong to. Within our weekly circle time, we will be talking about belong in our class and how we can help others feel welcome. We will be learning to take turns in our play and learning to use Zones of Regulation to describe our feelings.



## Reception - Autumn 1

### I am Special



## Understanding the World

We will be exploring what it means to be part of a family and describing what our families look like. How many brothers and sisters do you have? Do you have a pet at home? How old are your grandparents? The children will also learn to describe the 5 senses in detail on what they can touch, smell, taste, see and hear. Within this unit we will test our senses by going on learning walks in our playground to compare different senses. Can you spot what colour the leaves are turning?

## Physical Development

As the children's fine motor skills are strengthening they will use different tools for writing and create art for longer periods of time to build stamina. In Physical Education lessons, children will be building on their fundamental movement and confidence in walking, running, jumping, rolling and ball skills.

## Key Dates

Family Consultations  
Monday 20th Oct  
Wednesday 22nd Oct