**Topic based learning**

The topic we will be learning is about ‘Ourselves’.

Children will learn about body parts, likes/ dislikes, my family, my emotions…

Parents please ask your children lots of questions about their likes/ dislikes, school and encourage them to mark make and draw their family members and their self-portraits using different materials.

**Maths Focus**:

Number

We will be learning to count and recognise numbers from 1 to 5.

We will be encouraging children to join in with familiar number songs such as 5 little speckled frogs and 5 little ducks.

**Shape, space and measure:**

* Recognising simple 2D shapes and patterns
* Filling / emptying containers with water and sand – heavy, light, full, empty

Parents please ensure you help your child practise counting numbers 1-5 and singing familiar number songs.

**Music:**

The children will learn a variety of songs. They will be encouraged to copy a simple beat using their body and percussion instruments. Also, they will be encouraged to create movements to songs

**Religious Education**:

This term we will be learning all about special people.

We will discuss and look at what makes people special.

**English Focus**: **Ourselves**

In English, we will be reading a range of fiction and non-fiction books about ‘Ourselves’. Children will experience daily reading. We will be focusing on listening to stories with enjoyment.

Phonics – Phase 1 – Aspects 1

We will sing familiar nursery rhymes and learn new ones. We will explore sounds and rhythm using a variety of musical instruments.

Please ensure you are doing lots of reading with your child and singing songs, especially action songs like ‘If you are happy and you know it!’

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**Physical Education (PE)**

Every day our Early Years children are encouraged to move around in our outdoor space, balancing, climbing, jumping and using our balance bars, bikes and tricycles.

**ICT:**

The children use ‘Beetbots’ and ‘ipads’ to play ‘games’ focusing on our topic ‘Ourselves’.

**PSHE**:

We will be focusing on ‘Being me in my world’

The children will talk about their families, what their favourite things are, and what they like to play with.