

## Cypress Group Curriculum Flier

Dear Parent,

We hope you have had an enjoyable summer. This leaflet is just for your information regarding what your child will be learning in Autumn Term...

Our topics this term are **All about me** and **Food and feasting**.

What we will do in school...	What you could do together at home...
<b>Science</b> In the first half term we will be focusing on naming the parts of our body and exploring our senses. During our Food and Feasting topic we will be looking at different foods, and the way they are cooked or eaten.	Experiment with foods, playing with and tasting new foods and new textures. Use your senses to label new smells. Discuss likes and dislikes in different contexts around your home. Provide your child with a variety of sensory experiences.
<b>Geography</b> Cypress Group will be visiting areas in our local community that might be special to us. We will explore different areas that involve the making and processing of foods. We will also be sharing information about our homes and loved ones.	Talk to your child about their favourite places and areas that they may not like so much. Introduce new places that might engage or relax your child.  Look at family photos and holiday photos, identifying family members and memorable events.
<b>Literacy</b> Cypress group are developing their letter formation and their ability to identify key words or symbols. We will also be working on matching letters and sounds based on the Jolly Phonics Letters and Sounds approach.	Share books at home with your children. Encourage them to read key words or repeat words. Ask your children about what they can see in the pictures, or what they like about a book. Give your children an opportunity to listen to the Jolly phonics Phase 2 and 3 sounds on YouTube.
<b>Art</b> We are looking at how we can use materials in a variety of ways to create different effects. We will be creating class collages of pictures, items and materials that we explore during our topic.	Talk to your children about how objects look and feel. Discuss things they like to touch and things they don't like the feel of. Encourage your children to be brave with their physical and sensory experiences.
<b>PSHE</b> Cypress group will be developing their understanding of feelings and emotions.  We will be encouraging the children to identify how they are feeling at different times of the day and eventually develop strategies to overcome them.	Label your child's emotions as they display them. For instance, tell them they look happy when they are smiling. Talk about how their favourite characters might be feeling when watching cartoons.  Encourage your children to accept when they are feeling angry or upset and tell them it is ok. Offer different things in order to calm them.
<b>Maths</b> Cypress Group will be learning to rote count up to 20 and reliably count objects up to 10. Some of us will be looking at counting in groups of 2, 5 and 10, finding missing numbers on a 100 square grid and building confidence when using Numicon. We will be comparing amounts, shape and size.	Count with your child when you are out and about. How many people are in the park? How many bananas are in my shopping? Count whilst walking up and down steps.  Count down until something is ready. Compare amounts: bigger or smaller?



## Swimming – every Wednesday

Cypress Group will be going swimming at Woughton Pool on Wednesday mornings all year round. Please send your child into school every Wednesday with:

- a swimming costume/trunks
- a towel
- soap for washing themselves or moisturising if needed



## PE – every Tuesday

Please send a PE kit (any comfortable shorts and T-shirt) in a bag to keep in school. We will send it home every half-term for you to wash. Please send in a labelled water bottle for the children to have access to drink while they are participating in activities. These will be washed and refilled by the children themselves to increase their independence skills.

## Spare Clothes

Your child will have opportunities to engage in sensory activities including messy play with water, sand, paint, etc. Although the children are encouraged to wear aprons, accidents do happen! Please send a spare set of clothes for your child in case they should need to change.



## Home-School Book

We will try to write in the home-school book every day to let you know what your child has been doing, what they have eaten, how they have been, and anything else we think you would like to hear about their day. We will also put important letters in the book. **Please read the book every day.**

Please feel free to write what your child has been up to at home, any new achievements and any concerns or questions you may have. If your child has missed breakfast, or had a bad night's sleep – please let us know so that we can care for them accordingly (breakfast can be arranged if needed).

Thank you for taking the time to read this, if you have any other queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

*Ruth, Daisy, Carmen, Tracey, Danni and the rest of the Cypress Group team.*