



Laurel 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 Laurel Group during the 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... |
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| <p style="text-align: center;">Science</p> <p>We will be looking at how the different parts of our bodies all connect up together. We will also be looking at different foods; the way they are cooked, eaten or used in celebrations.</p> | | <p>Look at photos pointing out arms, legs and face parts. Try action songs together, such as Head, shoulders, knees and toes. Talk about traditional celebration foods, such as turkey at Christmas, or cakes at a birthday party.</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;">Geography</p> <p>Laurel Group will be looking at the differences between a busy town and the countryside, visiting areas in our local community that might help us with this.</p> | | <p>Talk to your child about towns and the countryside, using descriptive words such as busy, noisy, colourful, trees, spacious.</p> <p>Look at family photos and holiday photos, identifying locations and memorable places and events.</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;">Literacy</p> <p>Laurel group are developing their letter formation and their ability to identify key words and symbols. We will also be working on matching letters and sounds based on the Letters and Sounds approach, starting with letters s, a, t, p, i and n.</p> | | <p>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? Stress the first sound of the words that you use. Give your child an opportunity to listen to the Jolly Phonics Phase 2 sounds on YouTube.</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;">Art</p> <p>In art this term we will be creating a book 'all about me'. The students will be encouraged to be self-expressive, choosing their own tools and colours. We will also look at paintings and make our own collage.</p> | | <p>Talk to your child about how objects look and feel. Discuss colours that they like and colours they don't like. Explore family eye colours and hair colours with your child.</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;">PSHE</p> <p>Laurel group will be developing their understanding of feelings and emotions.</p> <p>We will be encouraging the children to identify how they are feeling at different times of the day and eventually develop strategies to help overcome times that they find difficult.</p> | | <p>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.</p> <p>Encourage your children to accept when they are feeling angry or upset and tell them it is OK. Offer different things in order to help them to calm.</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;">Maths</p> <p>Laurel Group will be learning to rote count up to 20 and reliably count objects up to 10. We will study the order of numbers and how the written word matches to each numeral. We will also be exploring one more and one less.</p> | | <p>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.</p> <p>Count down until something is ready.</p> |



Swimming – every Friday

Laurel Group will be going swimming at Woughton Pool on Friday mornings up until February half term. Please send your child into school every Friday with:

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



PE – every Thursday

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 so that your child will have access to a drink while they are participating in activities. These will be washed by the children to help 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 send important letters home via your child's home/school book. **Please check the book every day.** We will write a weekly newsletter each Friday, informing you of your child's week in Laurel Group. We will also respond on a daily basis to any comments that you might write.

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.

Alison, Tahira, Claire, Nicky, Sam and the rest of the Laurel Group team.