



## Turtles Half Termly

Autumn 1 2015

# Welcome to the Turtles

A big welcome to the Turtles ! This year is an exciting year and we cannot wait to get started. We have a new team in Reception including Miss Lightley, Mrs Lockey, Mrs Graham, Mrs Farrar and Mrs Woodcock. Please feel free to speak to any of us if you have any questions or worries during these first few weeks. We shall be about in the mornings and after school.

### What to expect in the first few weeks

Our main focus will initially be ensuring that the children settle into their new environment quickly and happily. It is important for us to build upon their positive Nursery experiences. Parents are welcome to come into the classroom this half term and help the children to settle. You can help by encouraging your child to **independently** complete their morning routine including hanging up their coats and putting their book bags/packed lunches in the correct place. Together with the children we will be sharing our expectations, rules and routines, you can talk to your child about these at home.



### Read Write Inc

After initial assessments have taken place we will all be starting daily Read Write Inc sessions. We will be learning sounds which will support us in our early reading and writing. Watch out for stickers coming home with your child each day, these will help you to know which sounds we have covered and further reinforce them at home. Reading books and reading records will also be sent home this half term along with word tubs for the children to practice. Please record any reading/word work you do at home in your child's

reading record so that we can celebrate this at school also.



### I can sing a Rainbow/ Food Glorious Food

This half term we will start with our topic I can sing a rainbow, we will be reading stories linked to colours and rainbows and use these as a stimulus for our creative and investigative work. Through work on 'The Rainbow Fish' and 'Elmer' we will be thinking about friendship and why each and every one of us is special. We will be learning about colour mixing and experimenting with colours to see what we can create. You can help by talking to your child about colours at home and within the environment. Why not visit the library and choose some books about colours?

Later this half term we will be learning about food. We will be thinking about where food comes from, tasting a range of new foods as well as talking about the importance of healthy foods. During maths sessions we will be collecting data about our favourite foods and using these to create charts. In the classroom our role play area will turn into a café. We are hoping to visit a local café so that we can make our play realistic.



### Maths

We will be completing lots of practical maths in particular learning about number. We will be recognising, using, ordering numbers up to 20 and beyond. Through our work on Elmer we will be learning about repeating patterns.

**Homework and Tapestry** Homework will be set on a Friday and should be completed and returned to school the following Wednesday. We will give you a few homework options to choose from, please choose one with your child and complete it together- you can be as creative as you like! Don't forget to come along on Wednesday 9th September at 2.45pm to learn more about Tapestry. Once you have your log in details you will be able to share your child's achievements at home with us as well as seeing what they are up to in school.