



Settling in.

After such a long time off school our main priority will be to settle in all the Seahorses new and old and to get them back into their routines. We will support the children with these routines, building up their independence and confidence. Throughout these early days we will be carrying out a variety of assessments to identify the needs of the children and use these to base future learning.

After those initial few weeks we will begin our new topic **‘Why Do You Love Me So Much?’** In this project, we’ll learn about love, families and how people are the same and different. We will ask ‘What is special about me?’ ‘How do we show that we care?’

First, we’ll pose for photographs and recognise ourselves, our names and our friends from a photograph display. Mirror, mirror on the wall... We’ll look at our reflections and talk about what we can see. In our cosy home corner, we’ll copy some of the things we see adults doing at home. We’ll enjoy sharing books about love, feelings and families. Outside, we’ll practise following instructions and think about how our brilliant bodies move. We’ll create ‘All about me’ scrapbooks full of lovely writing and photographs. Using our mathematical skills, we’ll measure and compare our hands, feet and heights. We’ll count candles and think about why we celebrate birthdays. Getting creative, we’ll make amazing artwork of ourselves and people we love.

At the end of the project, we’ll draw a picture of ourselves with their family. The children can also draw pets, their home and anything else that is important to them.

Celebrations.

At the end of the half term we will thinking about some Autumn celebrations: Harvest and Halloween. The children will learn and sing a harvest song as well as learning about why we celebrate harvest. To celebrate Halloween we will talk about what the children might do at home, look at different sized pumpkins, comparing them using different words. We will also do spooky counting and mark making.

Help your child with their project

We’re all special! Throughout this project we will be asking you to take photographs of various things including family members and upload them onto Tapestry. We will print them out and make them into a class book for the children to share and talk about. It is a great way to get shy children talking as they love talking about themselves!