

# Reception One



23<sup>rd</sup> August to 1<sup>st</sup> October 2009

We will be learning about:

## *Ourselves*

- We are special
- Our friends
- Looking after our bodies
- Our families
- Where I come from

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*The Early Years Curriculum is organised into 6 areas of learning. As you will be aware, much of the learning at this stage takes place through planned play activities and activities initiated by the children. We aim to provide a stimulating environment, rich in experiences which will engage and challenge your child.*

### Personal, Emotional and Social Development

This term we will be doing activities that establish routines, confidence in their new environment and encouraging new friendships. We will be encouraging children to talk about "I can...", "I like..." and "I am good at..." through circle time and group activities. We will be playing games and using toys to practice skills such as turn taking and sharing.

### Problem Solving, Reasoning and Numeracy

This term we will be doing activities to enable the children to say and use number names to 10 and beyond (including 0). These will include number rhymes, songs and stories linked to the theme of Ourselves. They will be encouraged to think about one more or less than a number. We will also be talking about 2D shapes and using the correct vocabulary to describe them. The children will be making patterns using shapes and beads. They will also be comparing objects in terms of tall, short, light, heavy etc.

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### Communication, Language and Literacy

This term we will be listening to and talking about a range of stories and fact books. The children will be encouraged to think, talk about and discuss things to do with our topic. They will be encouraged to record their ideas through mark making and writing for posters, greetings cards, lists etc. We will be working with sounds using Jolly Phonics. This is a method that helps children learn their sounds through looking, listening, movement and colour. We also will be learning various Nursery Rhymes to help the children with rhythm and rhyme. Children will enjoy learning and using new vocabulary related to themselves and their immediate experiences such as family and home.

### Physical Development

The children will be learning to become aware of their space by taking part in games and movement activities. The outside area offers various opportunities for physical challenge. We will be focussing on fine motor skills to aid the children's pencil control, so there will be plenty of opportunity for threading, tracing and other mark making.

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### Knowledge and Understanding of the World

Children will become more familiar with the school buildings, eventually comparing it to the Secondary building and what we like and don't. We will be talking about similarities and differences between our friends. Using Goldilocks and the Three Bears as a starting point, we will be finding out about our own families and the stages of growing up. Drawing and labelling body parts will help us learn about our bodies. We will be doing lots of tasting, touching, feeling, smelling and looking when we investigate our senses

### Creative Development

This term, the children will take part in imaginative play by role playing familiar stories or real life situations. We will be providing opportunities for the children to express themselves through 2D and 3D creations. We will be using our theme to encourage drawings and painting of bodies, faces and skeletons. The children will be encouraged to respond to what they see, hear, smell and touch, both indoors and out. We will also be learning how to match movement to music and will be singing lots of songs!



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### Arabic

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نود مشاركتكم بما سيتم تغطيته هذا الفصل الحروف (د، س، ر، ج، ز، ع،  
ب، ح، ف، ط، و، ص) والكلمات (دَرَسَ، دَرَجَ، زَرَعَ، طَرَدَ، ذَفَ، رَفَ)  
الأشكال (دائرة، هلال، نجمة) الألوان (الأحمر) وسنبدأ أيضاً بالتعرف على  
العديدين (1، 2) وملولهما.  
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مجدلاوي، لذا يرجى مناقشتها مع أبنائكم الكرام عند إرسال الملف وإعادته  
في اليوم التالي.

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### Dates for your diary

6 October Parents Evening

Parent Information evenings

30 September - Pastoral

26 October - Literacy and Numeracy

02 November- Emergent Writing and Jolly Phonics

07 December - Science, Arabic, Topic subjects

The Emergent Writing and Jolly Phonics Information evening is especially for Early Years parents.

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