



Singleton Church of England Primary School



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Hello and a very warm welcome to the new school year! We hope you and your child will be very happy at our school.

Our priority this term is for your child to come into school happily, to feel settled and secure and to make new friends. Foundation children will continue to spend time with their buddies who will support and help them.

The classroom will be set up with lots of lovely activities that will encourage the children to share, take turns and communicate with one another.

Our topic this half term is "OURSELVES" we will be talking about ourselves from birth to present day, it would be lovely if the children could bring a photograph of themselves, as a baby, into school.

We will be talking about our senses and will have a doctor's role play area, much of our work will be centred on this.

To begin with we learn our initial sounds S—A—T—P—I—N—and as soon as we recognise these we can begin to make simple words.

Once your child has begun to understand this early stage of reading they will begin to bring reading books home. Please read as often as you can with your child, it really does make a significant difference to their progress. Also, please ensure that reading is a positive experience, a time to sit and share a book, talk about the pictures and be relaxed. It should not be a stressful "we must do your reading" experience.

Initially, for writing we do lots of formation in the air, with paint and chalk. The first letters we write correspond with the sounds we learn.

In numeracy we learn numbers 1—20, counting, recognising and then ordering the numbers. We do so much of this outside in our lovely woods, counting our steps and stones. Going on treasure hunts to find numbers and object and jumping along number lines, counting on from a given number.

We put a big emphasis on creativity and always have a creative table available to the children. We also sing, dance and use our trim trail.

P.E. is on a Tuesday but we keep P.E. kits in school all the time.

Fruit is available to the children at break time. If your child is going to bring in a snack from home, we stress that it must be fruit.

Please only send water as a drink, drink bottles are kept in the corridor. The children are given regular opportunities to have a drink.

We look forward to a happy, busy, productive half term and working in a positive partnership.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Karen Haigh