

**ST LAWRENCE CHURCH OF ENGLAND
VOLUNTARY AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOL**

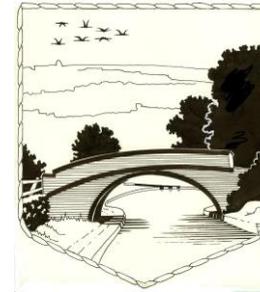
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Dear Parents,

A warm welcome back as we start our Summer Term and a special hello to the new children and their families joining us. This term there are some changes to staffing as we say a 'huge' congratulations to Roxie who is expecting her second child in August however, because of the guidance of Covid-19 and to protect her and her unborn baby we have had to move her from working with the younger children. As our numbers have increased Clare will now be working with us every day, alongside myself and Vikki and a list of new keyworkers will be displayed on the entrance gate to Little Lawrences.

Some important information:

Drop Off and Pick up

We are continuing with the arrangements for drop off and pickups as we protect both staff and families. We appreciate that this has not always been easy with regards to sharing information on how your child's day has been but are hopeful of a relaxation of guidelines. We will always try to give a 'quick' insight into your child's day however if you would like more information on how your child is doing then please let us know and we can arrange a more convenient time to meet, alternatively send the school office an email and they will forward it for us to reply too.

Change of clothes

We enjoy getting 'messy' here at Little Lawrences and as children explore and play with the different materials, they are strengthening their cognitive development, learning about textures and working on those all-important gross and fine motor skills. Whilst we appreciate the inconvenience of children coming home with wet and dirty clothes, we are always going to encourage this form of learning. We advise that your child does not wear their 'best' clothes into preschool and politely request that your child has a change of clothes, including pants and socks/tights, which are clearly labelled. Please read the leaflet 'Learning is messy' for more information on the benefits of 'messy' play.

Outdoor space

As the outdoors is simply an extension of our curriculum here at Little Lawrences, and with summer approaching please ensure that your child has a clearly labeled sunhat. We are unable to apply sun cream in preschool and recommend that you apply 8-hour cream before your children comes into school. If you wish to send in sun cream, please ensure it is clearly labeled and we will support your child to apply the cream themselves.

Tapestry - Electronic learning journals

This term we are implementing electronic learning journals for all new starters, these will replace our scrap book style journals and we are excited to be using 'Tapestry' as the platform for this new venture. From September 2021, we will have electronic learning journals for all children within Little Lawrences - please look out for more information in the coming weeks.

Thank you - Maria and the Early Years Team

Personal, Social, and Emotional development

This term, we will be doing the following:

- Thinking about what makes us special, thinking of ourselves in a positive way.
- Introducing 'Rainbow Club' every Thursday to be led by Imogen to support some children in making relationships with the other children.
- Sharing our interests and things we are good at.
- Getting to know each other
- Turn taking games
- Learning to think of others
- Introducing small responsibilities
- Thinking about our British values and Christian values; focusing on the story of 'The Good Samaritan'.

Communication, Language and Literacy

This term, we will be doing the following:

- Encouraging children to speak confidently in a group setting.
- Encouraging good listening skills and following instructions.
- Reading lots of stories, factual books and poems, asking questions to gauge understanding.
- Singing lots of songs.
- Looking at illustrations in the environment.
- Learning our Jolly phonics letter sounds.
- Working with the local Speech and Language therapist to support children's focus and attention through daily group activities.

Expressive arts and design

This term, we will be doing the following:

- Exploring texture, smells and tastes as we sample food from around the world.
- Exploring solids and liquids and how materials change.
- Exploring the sounds of different instruments.
- Using our home role play corner to engage in imaginative play.
- Moving to a rhythm.
- Imitating the movements of different animals, from different countries.
- Creating movement in response to music from all the world.
- Creating enclosures using lines.

Little Lawrence's Curriculum letter Summer Term 2021

This term our topic is

*'All around the World' alongside following
the children's interests.*

Physical development.

This term, we will be doing the following:

- Strengthening our core muscles through Yoga in the hall and crossing our mid-line to encourage better listening and focus skills.
- Using 'Dough Disco' activities to strengthen our fine motor skills.
- Practice mark making by using different parts of our body whilst listening to music.
- Practicing our scissor skills.
- Encouraging independence with dressing, putting on shoes and hand washing.
- Completing daily risk assessments of the unit to evaluate our own risks.
- Incorporating 'Squiggle whilst you wiggle' a movement activity in the hall to music to help with our mark making activities.

Understanding the world

This term, we will be doing the following:

- Visiting different countries around the world, by tasting, seeing and touching various items, foods and drink.
- Looking at things which make us different from other people and cultures.
- Exploring how we celebrate special occasions.
- Exploring the tablets, with age-appropriate games.
- Exploring similarities and differences in our local environment.
- Learning about 'Summer' and how things grow.

Mathematics

This term, we will be doing the following:

- Continuing our 'Number of the Week' sessions, what does the number represent and how is it formed?
- Lots of counting songs and rhymes
- 2D shape recognition
- Sorting and counting activities using natural objects
- Learning days of the week/months of the year/birthdays through songs.
- Exploring weight and ordering lengths of objects.
- Learning about positional language.
- Strengthening our critical thinking skills through activities with the 'mystery Bag', what is in the bag? What can we use it