



I Wonder Who I Am?

This week we will be starting the first of many exciting new topics. This week's topic is 'I Wonder Who I Am?' We will start by looking at ourselves and how we have changed since we were babies. We will consider the differences and similarities in our facial features compared to those of our new friends.

Handy Hints to Help at Home

Literacy

In literacy we will be reading 'We All Belong' by Nathalie Goss. This story will discuss all of the different things that make us who we are and will allow the children to consider their own likes and dislikes, their mannerisms and physical features.

You can help at home by:

- sharing stories;
- visiting the local library;
- encouraging your child to mark make;
- encouraging your child to use the correct pencil grip;
- playing word games such as eye spy;
- encouraging your child to speak clearly whilst you reinforce the correct vocabulary. You could practise this through role play - mummies and daddies, ice-cream parlour, garage, etc.
- playing language games like 'On the way to Grandma's we can see....'

Maths

This week we are going to be learning to compare sizes – big and small.

We will also be reading the number story “Ten Little Super Heroes” by Mike Brownlow to coincide with our topic about ourselves.

You can help at home by:

- using number puzzles and games;
- going on a size hunt around your home comparing sizes big and small, e.g. big cup/small cup, big teddy small teddy.
- practising one to one counting of objects and matching numerals to amounts;
- putting numbers on teddies and hiding them around the house - can your child find the teddies and put them in the correct number order?
- counting how many cars they have;
- asking your child to help whilst shopping - can you get 3 oranges please?
- encouraging the use of the correct vocabulary for shape, space and measuring;
- looking at patterns in and around your environment.

General:

Please encourage your child to be as independent as possible when going to the toilet and when putting on their coat.

Please remember to bring a small draw string bag for your child to keep on their peg with spare underwear, trousers /skirt and socks. It is also helpful if you can include a packet of wipes and a few nappy bags in case of accidents.

Please make sure that ALL items of clothing, including shoes, are named so that they can be easily returned to their owners.

Please also remember that all children should bring a named water bottle to school. This will be returned at the end of every day and refilled if necessary. It would be preferable if this is not an expensive branded bottle. Thank you.

Next week we will be celebrating Harvest Festival with a non-uniform day on Friday 3rd October It would be wonderful if the children could bring a can, bottle or packet to donate towards our Harvest collection for the Broxbourne Food Bank. Thank you.