

# Topic Title: It's good to be me!

This term the topic is 'It's good to be me!' where our focus will be learning about ourselves. We will learn about our bodies, our senses, our families, our feelings and emotions, as well as celebrating the many cultural and religious festivals that occur this Autumn such as; Harvest, Diwali, Bonfire Night and of course Christmas. We look forward to developing a partnership where we can work together to ensure your child's learning is fun and engaging.

We will be reading lots of stories linked with our topic and the children will be taught to anticipate key events and talk about what they think will happen. They will talk about characters and their feelings and why they are feeling that way. As readers and writers, we will be beginning to learn initial sounds and recognising these in words. The children will be focussing on learning to write their own names and labels for their pictures. We will be encouraging the children to write for a range of different reasons and we will value all their attempts. As mathematicians, we will be learning to touch, count and recognise numerals first to 5 then to 10 and then to 20.

## Things to do at home:

- Visit the Library,
- Encourage your child to spot the sounds they know in the environment e.g. T for Tesco
- Encourage counting by counting stairs, objects, ask them to set the table for 4 people.
- Sing number rhymes and spot numerals in the local environment e.g. Door numbers, number plates etc.
- Please read with your child at home as often as you can, using questions such as 'what happened at the beginning/middle/end of the story?' Discuss characters and the meaning of words.

Please encourage your child to be as independent as possible; putting on their own shoes, cutting their food, carrying their own book bag.

## Worries or concerns

You are always welcome in the classroom. Please feel free to make an appointment to see us, or if it's just a brief word then just pop in after school.