

## Term 1 John Coles Newsletter

Dear Parents/carers,

We are so proud of how well the children have settled into John Coles.

This term we are working on the theme "All about me". Through this theme we will be covering all areas of the curriculum with lots of rich play activities, storytelling and adult guided activities.

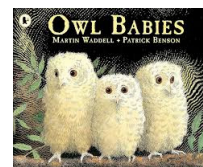
### Personal, Social and Emotional development



Our key aim for your children is to be happy learners who reach their full potential. We believe that children who are happy excited learners in early years become lifelong learners. We will be working on the key skills of co-operation and shared learning. Children will be encouraged to play together taking turns, sharing and developing ideas. We will be doing weekly circle time activities linking in with our SCARF theme Marvellous Me.

### Communication Language and Literacy

We will be sharing lots of different stories, including Owl Babies and Elmer. We will be extending our story telling vocabulary. The children will also take part in Helicopter Stories each week and this will involve learning new poems and stories and also telling their own stories.



### Phonics

We will be learning new sounds weekly using Little Wandle. Your child will bring home the featured sounds from that week. **Please help children to learn these sounds at home.** They will also bring home a book to share with you and a library book. There will be a phonics workshop on **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September at 2:45.** There will be a email to follow to give you more information about this.

### Fine Motor

Children will be working on pencil and tool control and we will be supporting the children to use the correct pencil grip when developing our mark making, drawing and letter formation. They will begin to write the letter sounds.

### Maths

We will be taking part in daily maths activities. These will be hands on practical small group activities developing our knowledge of number, sorting, grouping and the concepts of more and less. We will also look at recognising quantity without needing to count, which we call 'subitising'.



### Understanding of the World

Children will be developing their understanding of families and who is in their family, we will be asking for a baby or toddler photo that the children can share in circle time and talk about how they have grown and changed. We will also look at the season Autumn and changes in the natural world.

### Physical Development

PE will be on a **Wednesday**; we will be helping the children develop their skills in balance and co-ordination and moving in different ways. As often as possible we will use our outdoor areas to build on skills as well as to give the children opportunity to develop the skills in co-operation, sharing and communicating that come through free play and team activities. Please can you send your child to school in their PE kit on a Wednesday.

### Expressive Arts

Using 'Marvellous Me' as a theme we will be learning about texture, colour and techniques for painting and drawing. We will also be using our voices and bodies to express stories through role play, retelling, songs and movements.



Any questions please pop and chat to any of us, thank you

**The John Coles Team** 😊