



# Somerdale Educate Together Primary School

## Pre-School Newsletter (Turtle Class)

### Term 1 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Somerdale Educate Together, we are enjoying getting to know your child and being part of their Pre-School journey. Welcome back to those children who are returning to Pre-School, we hope you had a good summer. Your class teacher this year will be Beth and we welcome Claire who is our new LSA in Pre-School.

#### Routines

In the morning, the Pre-School gate will open at 8:50 and close at 9. By the main classroom door, there will be a plastic box for lunch boxes and a crate for water bottles.

If your child is only attending a morning session, the Pre-School gate will open at 11.45am for you to collect your child. For those coming in at lunchtime, the afternoon session will begin at 11.50am, to allow your child to use the toilet and wash their hands before lunch.

The gate will then open again at 3pm for home time to allow some time to collect your

#### Maths

Our main focus for Maths this term is based around counting! We will be singing some number songs together and learning to count objects using the stem sentence "1,2,3 – I have 3 cars."

We will also be looking at number recognition of numerals 1-10 through games and adult-led activities!

#### Learn Together

Our focus this term is to explore how we can be a kind friend! We will discuss different ways to be kind to others and use these to help us create our class charter.

We will also focus on establishing classroom routines such as tidy up time and hand washing as well as exploring celebrations such as harvest and Black History Month

#### Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Our aim for this term is to settle into the new Pre-School Year and begin to get to know each other! We will begin to explore friendships through play and develop our turn-taking skills, which will be modelled by the adults. This transition time can be a tricky time for some children but please know that we will be on hand to support them and make their first experience of Pre-School a positive one!

### Hall Time

Every Wednesday and Thursday morning we have the opportunity to go into the hall or outside in the playground. During this time, we play games and practice key skills, such as throwing and catching, balancing and jumping.

Please ensure your child comes to Pre-School in appropriate clothing to join in with all the activities.

This term in our Hall Time sessions we are following a programme called 'Get Set PE'. We will be starting our unit called "Introduction to PE" which explores the key features and skills needed to be successful in PE.

### Understanding the World

This term our focus is on exploring natural materials. We will be engaging in different sensory play and using all our senses to do this. We will also continue to develop our positive attitude towards differences between people.

### Expressive Art and Design

This term we will be focussing on joining in with singing rhymes and known stories and begin to explore the different marks that we can make!

### Spare Clothes

Just a reminder to please make sure your child brings in at least one full change of spare clothes, plastic bags and wet wipes with them every day in case of any accidents. Please also ensure your child has some welly boots at Pre-School and any appropriate weather gear (e.g. sun hats, rain coats etc).

### Remember...

Just a reminder to check Tapestry, as this is regularly updated and it is a great way to view your child's progress. Add your own observations too!  
New parents – you should have had an email to activate your Tapestry account.

### Label Everything

It would be helpful if you could please label your child's water bottle, their home packed lunch, coat, bag and welly boots

If you have any questions, concerns or worries, please let Beth know and we will always try to help. If it is a quick query or something you feel we need to know about your child for the day ahead, then please let us know in the morning. For other matters, then Beth is usually around after school for a chat. Alternatively, you can send an e-mail to [info@somerdaleet.org.uk](mailto:info@somerdaleet.org.uk) where it will be forwarded to Beth. We are really looking forward to the year ahead, getting to know your child and supporting them to progress and develop their learning.

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Teacher