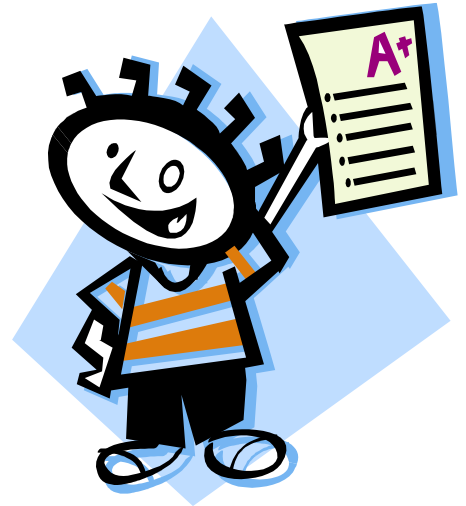


ASTON CLINTON
AUTUMN TERM 2009

Dear Parents,

Welcome back for the Autumn Term. We trust that despite the weather you all had an enjoyable summer break! Our theme for this term is 'All About Me!' This is a personal development based unit and the children will be learning all about themselves. For example, what makes them unique; how to keep healthy; the forces they use to scooter and their role within the family.



We have also organised a trip to Shortenills Environmental Centre and hope to visit Green Park later in the term.

LITERACY

- In Literacy, we shall start by looking at information books. The children will be writing their own book all about themselves. Later they will be looking at stories on how to look after animals, their fears etc.
- Guided reading, phonics and handwriting will continue to support the children's literacy development on a daily basis. Phonics homework will continue to come home on a Friday afternoon and the following Friday they will have their weekly spelling test.

NUMERACY

- In Numeracy, we start with comparing and ordering numbers and finding one more/less and ten more/less than a given number. We will continue to count in ones, twos, fives and tens and then in threes. Later we will be adding and subtracting with numbers and money, learning about place value, data handling and measuring, solving number problems and puzzles and learning more about 2D and 3D shapes.

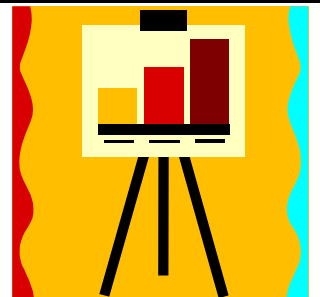
SCIENCE



- During the unit, the children will learn about parts of the bodies, the bones and some of the main organs. They will also be learning about the forces needed to push a scooter.

I.C.T.

- In ICT, we will be using digital cameras to take photographs of one another. We will then hopefully upload the images and use our new software to experiment with changing the images.
- They will also be creating a book using 'Photostory', which can be downloaded free on the Internet.
- During the afternoon sessions, the children will be using 2Invesitagte to create a database, which has information gathered during Numeracy for the example the children's hand spans.



ART

✍ In Art everything is related to our theme! We will be doing drawings of one another and different kinds of printing.

PE

✍ PE: we will be learning some new Playground games.

FINAL NOTE



May we again take this opportunity to remind you that P.E kits, coats, lunchboxes and all school uniform should be clearly labelled with your child's name. P.E kits should always be in school, kept in a named drawstring bag.

We would be extremely grateful if you would continue to support your child at home by hearing them read or reading to them for 10 minutes each evening and by assisting them with their homework.



We would also like to remind you that the school's Virtual Learning Environment 'ACE' is now up and running there are lots of great games that the children can play to enhance their learning beyond the classroom. We recommend 'Improve Your Reading' and 'Nice Numeracy Games'. These can be accessed by logging onto learning.astonclinton.bucks.sch.uk (please note that there is not a www. prefix).

A piece of Literacy or Numeracy homework will be sent home weekly. This term's homework project is a biography. We would like the children to examine the lives of either their grandparents or a parent. They should look to ask them questions about their childhood, how things were different, what toys they had etc. They can present this information in anyway that they wish for example: a book, a PowerPoint, a poster, a video diary (we are sure that you will have far more imagination than us!) We ask that the projects are brought into school on the week commencing the 19th October.

We also ask that the children start to bring in images of themselves from babies to present day in both digital and photocopied format.

Thank you for your continuing support. Should you have any queries or concerns, or you have some spare time that you would like to fill, please come and speak to one of us.

We are all looking forward to an exciting Autumn term.

Yours sincerely,

Miss J Bird, Mrs J Bagley, Miss C Macdonald

CLASS TEACHERS