

Welcome to Merton Infant School, we hope you all had a fantastic summer and are ready for a busy and exciting half term. This term's topic is Healthy Me. The children will be learning about the importance of a healthy lifestyle and how this includes a balanced diet, regular exercise, and plenty of sleep.

Owlets PE day - Tuesday

Snowy Owls PE day - Wednesday

The children should wear their PE clothes into school on PE days and earrings should be removed or taped up so they can participate in the lesson.

Physical Development

- Games - moving and handling
- Developing core stability and balance
- Dough Gym
- Motor control activities

Expressive Arts and Design

- Self-portraits
- Making sounds and patterns with our bodies
- Singing songs about ourselves e.g. head, shoulders, knees and toes etc
- Taking part in weekly music lessons following the Music Express scheme

Learning Values

M - Motivation: To feel part of a class.

E - Excellence: To follow the new classroom rules.

R - Respect: To share the new classroom with others.

T - Teamwork: To work together as a class to settle in.

O - Opportunity: To be part of the Merton family.

N - Never Give Up: To take on the challenge of moving from nursery school.

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Merton Mission

- Do it: Visit the supermarket and try a new fruit or vegetable.
- Make it: Trace your hand and decorate it. Bring into school for a display by October 19th.
- Read it: Bring in a book about being healthy to share with the class.

The children will complete the Baseline assessment which all children starting school have to complete

We will be screening your children's language skills using the Language Link programme.

We will feed back to you at the first parents' evening in October.

Maths

- Matching, sorting and comparing amounts
- Exploring pattern
- Matching pairs
- Sorting sets
- Exploring shapes
- Comparing size, mass and capacity
- Using Purple Mash at home

Understanding the World

- Naming and labelling parts of the body
- Thinking about how people change as they get older

Literacy

- Practising writing skills through hand control activities
- Writing their names
- Beginning to learn letter sounds
- Sharing and taking an interest in books
- Speaking about themselves and their interests
- Helping your child by sharing their reading book and practising their key words and sounds every day
- Using Purple Mash at home