

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.

Please make sure your children have a labelled P.E. kit, including a white T-shirt, blue or black shorts and plimsolls or trainers, in school every day.

Physical Development

- Games - moving and handling.
- Developing core stability and balance.

Expressive Arts and Design

- Self-portraits using pencils, pastels, and paints.
- 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, taught by a specialist teacher.

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 take part in a keep fit work out in the hall.

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

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Understanding the World

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

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 21st.
- Read it: Bring in a book about being healthy to share with the class.

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

- Counting, recognising, ordering, and writing numbers to 5.
- Sorting activities based on length and height.
- Constructing objects using 2D and 3D shapes.
- Learning number rhymes and using number names in other familiar contexts.
- Using Mathletics at home.

Literacy

- Practising writing skills through Wiggle Time, dough gym and 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 Bug Club and Ed Shed at home.