

**Learning Preview Verulam Class**  
**Autumn Term 1**  
Miss Arnold, Mrs Randall and Mrs Freestone

**Dates: 5<sup>th</sup> September - 20<sup>th</sup> October**

How our learning will link to Verulam class children's lives, interests and experiences

- This half term we have been focussing on learning classroom routines and getting to know each other. We have been learning how to listen to each other and share our ideas.
- We are continuing to explore and learn how to use the different areas of our classroom and outdoor area and have been looking at the resources available to us.
- The children will continue to learn about themselves and talk about their lives and families. We will share our thoughts with our Learning Partners; paint self portraits and practise writing our names.
- We will also be singing songs and rhymes and reading stories about ourselves and our families. These will include 'Peace at Last', 'Mr Large in Charge' and Heads, Shoulders, Knees and Toes.

How our learning will link to the wider world

- In autumn we notice the changing colours and the animals and mini beasts that are active at this time of year. We will be investigating our outdoor environment and going on an autumn walk.
- We will also be learning the harvest song 'This is the seed' to sing at our Harvest Festival. We will add our own actions to accompany the song.

**Letters and Sounds**

This half term we are learning s,a,t,i,p,n, m,d, g,o,c,k

Can you find other words that begin with the same sound as your name?

Can you clap syllables in a word e.g. gor-ill-a?

**Fine Motor Skills**

In class we are using a variety of mark making tools in paint, clay and dough. At home encourage your child to hold the pencil between their thumb and first two fingers close to the tip of the pencil.

When supporting your child with name writing, please only use a capital letter for the first letter.

**Harvest Festival  
Thursday 19<sup>th</sup>  
October at 9am**

Come and join us to hear the children sing Harvest songs they have been learning. Verulam class are collecting tinned foods such as soup, vegetables and meat.

**Ideas**

-Go for an autumn walk and collect natural materials. You may like to look in books for autumn pictures for your child to bring in to show the class.

-Can you help your child to identify and talk about shapes you find at home or out and about? For example, a square window has 4 sides, a roll of sellotape is round.

-Listen to the letter sounds with your child. Meet the letters and their sounds here:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/watch/alphablocks-watch>