



We would like to welcome you to Donaldson Class where we practise our school values of resilience, honesty, kindness, curiosity, courage and endeavour. We are excited for your child to begin their learning journey with us and achieve great heights.

We are looking forward to welcoming you into school on Thursday 20th October 3:10 –4:00pm to share what we have been learning in Donaldson Class and to celebrate of OFSTED grading of 'Good'.

If you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact us.

### Maths



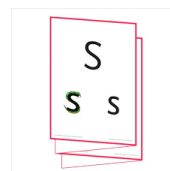
In Maths we will be focusing on:

- Finding and matching objects that are the same.
- Sorting objects into a range of attributes such as colour, shape or size.
- Comparing and ordering sets.
- Identifying sets that have more, fewer or are the same.
- Using mathematical language to describe the size of objects.
- Copy, continue and creating repeating patterns.
- Identifying representations of 1, 2 and 3.
- Subitising and counting objects reliably to 3.
- Mark making to represent 1, 2 and 3.

### English:

In English we will be focusing on:

- Retelling familiar stories using own words and recently introduced vocabulary.
- Recognising the sounds s, a, t, p, i, n, m, d, g, o, c, k, e, u, r, h, b, f and l.
- Recognising the tricky words is and the.
- Blending sounds together to read words using the taught sounds.
- Writing names.



### Understanding of the World

This half term we will be covering the following topics:

- All about me!
- My family and Myself
- Where I Live
- People Who Help Us
- Our Community Through the Year



### Expressive Arts and Design:

In Expressive Arts and Design we will be focusing on:

- Exploring sound in Music using our bodies and instruments.
- Mixing secondary colours.
- Creating self-portraits.



### PE:

We have PE sessions on Wednesdays. Please make sure that both indoor and outdoor kits are in school on these days.

In PE we will be focusing on:

- Developing pupils ability to move in a variety of ways.

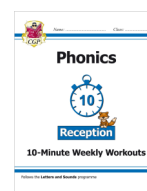
### PSHCE & RE:

In PSED we will be focusing on:

- Our school rules; how we all help to make our classroom a happy place to learn.
- My feelings; words I can use to describe how I am feeling.
- What can I do when I am angry or upset.

### Class messages:

- Children can bring a bottle of water to access each day.
- Homework is set on a Friday and is to be brought in the following Thursday. Children will receive a Phonics and Maths activity.
- In Reception we use the Little Wandle Reading Books. The children read their book three times in school before bringing it home on a Friday. Please record any reading (not just school books) in your child's reading record and send them into school each day with their reading book.
- The children will visit the library each week on a Tuesday. Please ensure their library book is kept in their book bag.



### Important dates to remember:

Monday 26th September– 5pm —Phonics Information Session for Parents.

Friday 14th October—Halloween Disco—In school time.

Thursday 20th October—3:10pm-4pm—Open Evening