



ANDOVERSFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL



Dear Parents/Carers,

This week is the first week of your child's school life! It is a big week for them, for you and us too!

I want you to know what a privilege it is to teach your child. Children are all different, unique and precious and it is a huge responsibility to become their first teacher. I will do my very best to ensure that they are safe, cared for and happy.

I want them to love school and I want to make our classroom a place of laughter and learning! Once your child is settled in and ready for some new challenges they will bring home a variety of homework projects for them to complete at a time convenient to you as a family. They will also begin to bring home phonic activities that should be completed daily, these should be revisited as often as possible. Alongside the sounds, I will send home key words (tricky words) that your child will begin to sight learn and eventually write. To ensure that we are giving your child the best start at reading and writing I will be holding a phonics chat on **Tuesday 23rd September 2018 at 3.30pm** where I will informally talk about how I teach phonics, the schemes that are used and how you can help your child at home.

I understand that this can be an overwhelming time of year for you and your child. If you have any concerns or questions, please do come and speak to me after school and I will do my very best to help.

Miss Sarah Daffurn

Understanding the World

People and communities – Learn about parts of the body and similarities and differences between themselves and others. Talk about their homes, families and who they live with.

The world - Learn about the senses and use them to investigate the world around them.

Technology – using digital cameras and iPads to take photographs of their friends.

Physical Development

Moving and Handling - We will be working on our fine motor development in the funky finger gym. In PE we will learn to throw and catch and improve our ball skills this term.

Health and self-care – We will become more independent when changing for PE and learn about healthy eating.

Communication and language

Speaking - Interacting with others, making plans and taking turns.

Listening and attention - Listening to and joining in with stories and rhymes.

Understanding - Following instructions and answering questions about their experiences.

Expressive Arts and Design

Exploring and using media and materials - this term we will be colour mixing and self-portraits, building homes and buildings.

Being imaginative - using their imagination in the home role play corner. We will be creating mud pies in the mud kitchen. 



Personal, social and emotional development

Knowing some of the things that make us unique and talking about similarities and differences between us. We will be making our own class rules and learn about the ASPIRE rewards.

Literacy

Reading - We will listen to stories and join in with rhyme and repetition. This term we will begin phase 2 phonics.

Writing - We will be learning to write our names and initial sounds of words.

Key Texts:

Fiction – 'So Much' by Trish Cooke



123 Maths

Number - We will be exploring and learning to count reliably numbers from 1 to 5. Finding one more and one less than any given number and begin to add and subtract.

Shape, space and measure - We will explore characteristics of everyday objects and 2D shapes and use mathematical language to describe them and begin to recognise, create and describe patterns. We will begin to use everyday language related to money.