

Autumn 1: "You Belong Here"

The Theme: Settling into Reception, making friends, and celebrating our homes and families as the fresh autumn term begins.



☀ What Your Child is Learning

- **Friendships & School Rules (PSED):** Learning how to manage big feelings, build respectful friendships, take care of our own needs at lunchtime, and understand what it means to be a "Bucket Filler".
- **Active Listening & Talking (CLL):** Practice active listening during circle games, thinking out loud about what we build, and describing our homes to find similarities and differences with our friends.
- **Story Maps & Early Phonics (Literacy):** Drawing story maps to retell our first journey tale (Finding a Friend), practicing early labeling, and starting our foundational Sounds-Write phonics units.
- **Sorting & Early Numbers (Maths):** Matching equal and unequal sets, copying color and size patterns, and accurately counting and representing numbers from 1 to 3.
- **Self-Portraits & Family Trees (Understanding the World / Arts):** Looking closely into mirrors to paint beautiful self-portraits and sharing family photographs to build our classroom family tree.
- **Outdoor Adventures (Physical Development):** Building custom obstacle courses using crates, tyres, and planks to practice safe jumping, balancing, and climbing.



How to Help at Home

Please send in or upload a family photograph to Tapestry so your child can proudly talk about their family with the class! Practice independent handwashing and using cutlery at mealtimes.