Welcome to Olive Class.

The first few weeks we will settle in to the new routines of school and complete the entry assessments before we start our first topic, All about me. We will think about new beginnings and starting school, how that makes us feel and about all the feelings we have, how they make us feel and how we can change some of them. We will also be looking at how we have changed since being a baby and about food that keeps us healthy and people that help us. We will also investigate how toys have changed through the years. Towards the end of term we will find out about Autumn and the changes that happen and also celebrate Harvest Festival.

In maths we will start to learn key skills. The focus this term is on matching, sorting and comparing amounts, representing 1, 2 and 3, comparing 1, 2 and 3 and the composition of 1, 2 and 3.

We will use the Squiggle programme to build up our fine and gross motor skills, moving to music making large patterns and then smaller patterns.

In our phonic sessions we will start to learn the level 2 sounds of the Twinkl phonics programme, this will also link with our writing skills as we practise forming the letters we are learning correctly and writing our names.

PE day is on a Thursday for reception children and Wednesday for Year 1 children. Reception children will have their PE kits in school and we will start to practice getting changed independently. This term we will be thinking about what happens to our body when we are active, how we can keep fit, completing yoga moves and movement to music. Year 1 children will practice their catching and throwing and ball skills.

In an afternoon Year 1 children will be learning about the seasons, our bodies and also about materials in Science. In Geography we are investigating the local area and maps and History children will share memories of significant events in their own lives. Talk about things that have changed and begin to put events in order.

Every week your child will bring home a reading book for them to read and also a library book that you can share together. Please write in your reading record the books that you have shared. These books will be changed weekly on a Friday. We have a lovely quote that has been found that we feel in important about reading:

*There is no pressing need to have our children read before they go to school. But if we read to them and for them when they ask us what is written on that cereal box or street sign, we are implicitly teaching that reading is fun and has utility.*

If you have any concerns or queries then please do not hesitate to contact me, either in person when dropping off or collecting your child or on Class Dojo.

Thank you, Mrs Holt