

Townlands C of E Primary Academy

"A journey of learning in the light of God's love"

Faith, Honesty, Love, Friendship, Forgiveness, Hope, Respect

"What shall we say the Kingdom of God is like, or what parable shall we use to describe it? It is like a mustard seed which is the smallest seed you plant in the ground. Yet when planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants, with such big branches that the birds of the air can perch in its shade."

The parable of the Mustard seed- Mark 4:30-32



Autumn Term 2025 - EYFS - First Half term

STAFF: Mrs Greenaway, Miss Grimsley and Miss Bell

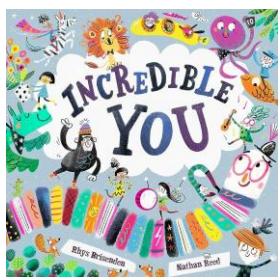
Firstly, we would like to say a big, warm **welcome** to Townlands C of E Primary Academy. We are very excited to be meeting you all and to get to know you better over the coming weeks.

This half term is all about the transition into school and ensuring that the children settle in well. There will be a strong focus on building new friendships and promoting good manners. Our initial theme will be 'I wonder...what makes a good friend?' followed by 'I wonder...what new foods I will like?'.

Initially, we will be introducing the book *Incredible You!* to explore the concept that each child's differences are something that should be celebrated. Alongside this, we will read a variety of books about friendships, starting school and about families.

As we move through the half term, we will explore Harvest and where foods come from and when they can be harvested. We will be using our local environment to identify the changes in seasons.

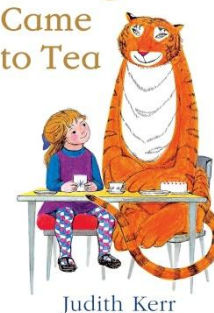
Books we will be using to enhance our learning and love of reading.



Incredible You – Rhys Brisenden

Incredible You! is a rhyming story which allows children to imagine what it might be like to be various different animals and how they might enjoy different things. The author helps the children to realise how unique and amazing they are and explains that although they might have differences, or be better at some things compared to others, that ultimately being themselves is the best!

The Tiger Who Came to Tea



The Tiger Who Came to Tea – Judith Kerr

In this beloved classic a hungry tiger arrives at Sophie's house unannounced and they share a rather unusual meal together. Once the tiger has finished eating and drinking he leaves Sophie and her Mum wondering what they will tell, or feed Dad when he gets home.

EYFS Baseline Assessment

During this half term, we will be conducting a national assessment known as the Reception Baseline Assessment (RBA) with all pupils. It is delivered in a friendly and unobtrusive manner by the class teacher, as to not worry the children, and is used as a tool to predict the children's future outcomes. For more information on this, please see the parent guide about the RBA.

Homework

We will send your child home with 2 reading books each week which you can share together: initially they will be textless books which provokes imaginative story-telling, encourages lots of discussion and allows you to create a joyful reading routine at home without pressure to read words. If they are more confident readers, they may want to have a go at reading to you.

Later in the term as we begin to teach letter sounds through the phonics programme a reading book that marries up with the correct sounds will be sent home replacing these textless books. We encourage the children to read with you **at least five times a week** and discuss what they have read to support their comprehension. Your child will have a reading record which you can record your reads in. This will be sent home with their first reading books.

PE

P.E sessions will be with our sports coach, Mr Moon and will take place every Monday morning. The children will attend school on Mondays wearing their P.E. kits. They will need to be wearing kit which is suitable for indoor P.E. and outdoor learning as well as playtimes.

Please ensure that your child's name is written inside all clothing items brought into school.

Health & Safety reminder

All long hair must be tied back on Mondays and no jewellery is permitted during PE lessons. However, if earrings cannot be removed, then they will need taping over.

Water



The children need to bring fresh water (not juice) to school each day in a labelled bottle. It is important they do this because they do get thirsty throughout the day. We thank you for your cooperation with this.

Dates for your diary

Macmillan Coffee afternoon with 'come through the door and explore' opportunity.

Monday 22nd September 1.30 – 3.00. All family members welcome. Tapestry will provide updates.



Keep checking Tapestry to share in your child's learning experiences. Whole school information and activities can be found on the Townlands website. If you have any queries or questions at any time, then please feel free to **phone** or **email** the school office.

Finally, keep an eye on Townland's Facebook page for the latest updates and successes.