



# Broomhill First School



This half term's topic for the Little Owls is...



## Friends Around the World



### Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We will learn about ways to be a good friend and how to make new friends in nursery. Children will be encouraged to look at the similarities and differences between themselves and their friends. They will also look at children from other countries and cultures as we think about ways that our lives are similar and different.

Please let us know if you have any objects or books related to our learning which your child could bring in to share with the class.

### Spare Clothes

Please make sure your child has a spare change of clothes in school on their peg **at all times** in case of any accidents.



### Language & Communication

We will be learning some simple phrases and songs in languages such as Italian, Spanish or even Chinese!



Children will be encouraged to use the new vocabulary during role play.



### Physical Development

Children will develop fine motor skills by threading pasta and shaping dough to make pizzas as we learn about Italy.

They will try using chopsticks like children do in China and they will use cutting skills as we make African patterns.

**PE for the Little Owls is on a Friday.** Please could you ensure your child comes dressed in PE clothes with appropriate footwear and no jewellery every Friday.



### Lunch

Lunches cost £2 per day / £10 per week.

### Mathematics

We will learn some counting rhymes and games from other cultures to help us practise our numbers. We will create repeating African and Aboriginal patterns with shapes and colours.



### Understanding the World

Children will learn about a range of different countries around the world. We will think about ways that communities are the same and different to our own.

We will also have fun learning about animals from around the world and the different homes they have.

**If your child has visited an exciting place in the UK or abroad, please send in any photos or artefacts so they can tell us about their travels and experiences.**



### Literacy

We will enhance our topic with lots of exciting stories from other cultures. Children will be given lots of opportunities to make marks and write independently across the setting. They will also participate in listening and phonics activities.

Older children will be encouraged to practise writing their name and forming recognisable letters.



### Expressive Arts and Design

Children will be given opportunities to create artwork and crafts from other cultures. We will explore different textures with sand painting and rock painting. We will get into the spirit of Africa by learning some simple African drumming beats and repeated rhythms. We will also learn dances and listen to music from other cultures.

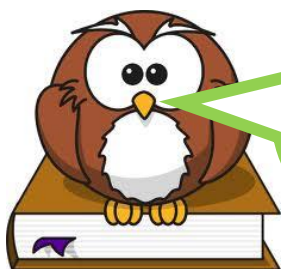


### Helping at Home

Ask your child about their day/time at school. Encourage them to listen and take turns in conversation. Talk to your child about where they live and see if they can learn their address. Talk about other cultures and ways of life.

**Food** - Encourage your child to try foods from other cultures and talk about where they originate from. For example pizza from Italy, curry from India, noodles from China.

**Rhythms** - play clapping and tapping games encouraging your child to copy and make up repeating beats.



Please help your child to choose a library book from the box in nursery. Take a new book home to share and read together.

### Wellies

As we encourage activities outside in all weathers, it would be great if your child had access to a pair of wellies in school.



If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to come and see us. We would also like to thank you for all the help and support you continue to give us.

Thank you very much for reading our information letter.  
Miss Carrick, Mrs Brindle, Mrs Colbourn and Miss Elliott

