

K1 Newsletter

22nd August 2011

Dear K1 parents,

The first few days flew by here in K1. In the classroom, the children are busy settling into their new routine and class. It is great to watch new friendships blossom along with lots of smiles and laughter.

Over the next 7 weeks our class will begin a new topic, called 'All About Me'.

This unit is part of the Early Years programme of the International Primary Curriculum.

The activities which we have planned will cover the following four IPC strands:

Independence and Interdependence

During these first few weeks the children will learn a great deal about relationships and how to get along with lots of new people. They will be introduced to activities to develop new skills and have opportunities to play alone and with other children.

Communicating

The children will be introduced to books, stories and rhymes. They will be involved in counting activities as well as some of the processes of art and craft. We will sing and learn some simple rhymes.

Exploring

Throughout these early days the children will learn about playing with materials such as sand and paint.

Healthy Living

The children will begin to learn about paying attention and concentrating as well as expressing emotions and emotional needs. Each day will bring opportunities to develop the ability to cope with change.

For this Unit we need some pictures from home on A4:

- **2 pictures of your child as a baby**
- **2 recent pictures of your child**
- **1 picture from your family (at home: parents and siblings)**

- **1 picture from a parent as a child (may be from both parents too of course)**

Please keep in mind that we will use these pictures, so please send us pictures that you have extra and don't mind being used. (An idea is perhaps to scan the photo and print it.) All these items need to be handed in **by Monday 29th August latest.**

I would also like to ask parents to lend us family home videos if available. In **week 36 (starting 5th of Sep) & 37**, we will talk a lot about documenting family histories and it is great fun for the children to watch a few minutes of home videos.

Here are a few words you can practice with your child at home: School, home, friends, family, mother(mum), father(dad), parents, brother, sister, grandma, grandpa, baby, child, adult, play, sing, dance, story, books, paint, happy, sad, body(parts of our body), morning, afternoon, snack, lunch, healthy food. These words will help your child to develop his/her vocabulary and to get some mother tongue involvement at home!!

We have a busy time ahead of us. On the 24th August Our Primary School, will be going on a department boat trip, from Holte to Frederiksdal, to celebrate the launch of the International Primary Curriculum (IPC). For this trip please make sure that your child is wearing weather appropriate clothing. On the 26th August K1 along with K2 & Ællingen will be joining for a fun Sports Day. Please remember that this day begins at 8.00 and finishes at 12.00.

Finally, I would like to remind you of our Friday-toy day arrangements. On Fridays **only** the children may bring 1 toy to school to share with the other children and talk about.

Important Dates:

24th August - Boat Trip

26th August - Sports Day

6th September - Information & Election Evening @ 6:00pm

10th September - Activity Day (10:00 - 14:00)

22nd September - Parent Teacher Consultations

If you have any questions please feel free to ask me or write in your blue contact book.

With many kind regards,

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