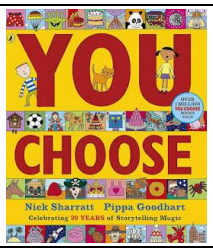
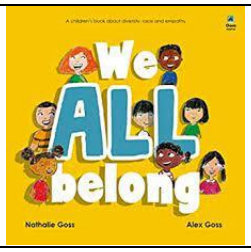
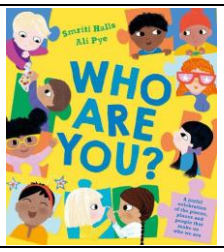
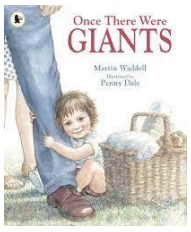
In Year R our learning journey is...

Belonging at Netley Abbey Infant School

Our first learning journey is all about starting school! After visiting each child at home, we will warmly welcome them into Woodlands Base and our wider school community, helping them to feel happy, safe and that they truly belong at Netley Abbey Infant School. The children will spend time getting to know their new classroom, teachers and friends. They will explore the school environment, learn about daily routines and reflect on how much they have grown as they begin their journey as school children. Alongside these important first experiences, staff will carefully observe, follow and extend your child's interests through play, helping them to build confidence, develop relationships and foster a love of learning from the very start.

Key texts we will be sharing

			
Choosing all sorts of different things in this book and talking about our choices is a great way to get to know each other.	In this book we meet all kinds of children and think about how they all belong.	This book explores the question of who we are, who we know and who is in our family. We will share our own experiences.	The pages of this book tell the journey of a family and how the members change and grow over the years.

Possible experiences linked to these books will include creating a picture of ourselves to show who belongs in our school, exploring what we can do in our classroom, finding out about our classroom rules and routines. Seeing the wider school through a tour and meeting other people who belong at our school. Sharing who is in our family through family photographs and how we have changed since being a baby, growing into school children.

Songs we will be singing include:

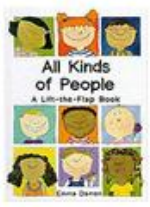
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- The Hokey Cokey
- Wind the bobbin up
- Five in the bed
- Diddle, diddle dumpling
- Hickory, Dickory, Dock

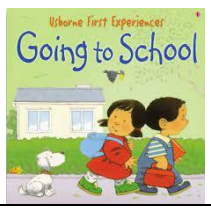
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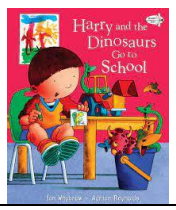
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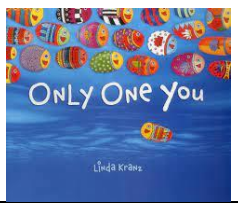
Books you could share at home





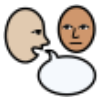






In **Communication and Language,** we will be developing our listening skills as part of a new, larger group. We will hold conversations to find out more about each other and members of the school community. We will learn vocabulary about our school and begin using British Sign Language signs.

At home you could take turns when speaking and encourage conversations with different people. Talk about everyday experiences and model asking questions to find out more.



In **Personal, Social and Emotional Development,** we will be building relationships with both adults and children in our new classrooms. We will develop our positive sense of self as we find out what we enjoy and that we belong at Netley Abbey Infant School. We will encourage children to manage their personal needs independently.

At home you could talk about new and existing friends, what makes them a good friend? What do you like to do together?



In **Physical Development,** we will explore movement in different parts of the school and have our first PE session in the hall. We will find out what our bodies are super at and how we can control our large movements.

At home you could visit large outside spaces or the local park to explore movements there and compare to movements you can make inside. Draw pictures together, we wonder if you can draw any family members?



In **Literacy,** we will share our key texts alongside some favourite stories. We will begin Little Wandle phonics to tune in to sounds and learn the sounds different letters make beginning with s, a, t, p, i, n.

At home you could develop your careful listening skills through playing games such as Simon says or going on a sound hunt.

You can listen to the pronunciation of the sounds we will be teaching here: www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/



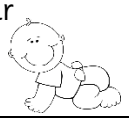
In **Mathematics,** we will be getting to know what you can do with numbers and counting. We will compare amounts, use one number name for each object when counting and say number names clearly.

At home you could sing counting songs, notice numbers in the world around you and count small quantities together.



In **Understanding the World,** we will learn about how we have changed since being a baby to now being school children. We will meet members of the school community and look at simple maps and photos of our new school.

At home you could share photographs, clothing and items that show how your child has grown since a baby.



In **Expressive Arts and Design,** we will look at portraits of different people and create our own. We will explore the creative materials on offer in our classrooms and what we can do with these.

At home you could look at pictures your child has drawn before and comment on how their drawing has changed.



We will meet **Net and Lee** who will help us with our learning in school. We will introduce our Power to Develop and Learn curriculum and focus on our school value of being ready.

At home you could encourage your child to try something new. This could be going to a new place together, trying a new food or sharing a new book. Talk about what makes a good friend.

