

Theme: Why do you love me so much?

Year: Reception

Main concepts:

What can parents do at home to help?

What will the children learn?

Help your child prepare for their project

We're all special!

- Why not help your child to take photographs of family members and friends, to create a fantastic photo album?
- You could use the online library service to share picture books about families and feelings.
- Alternatively, make a family collage with images of all of your family members' favourite things.

Guess how much I love you... What is special about me? How do we show that we care? In this project, we'll learn about:

- love, families and how people are the same and different.
- We'll pose for photographs and recognise ourselves, our names and our friends from a photograph display.
- Mirror, mirror on the wall... We'll look at our reflections and talk about what we can see.
- In our cosy home corner, we'll care for dolls and teddies.
- We'll enjoy sharing books about love, feelings and families.
- Outside, we'll practise following instructions and think about how our brilliant bodies move.
- We'll create 'All about me' scrapbooks full of lovely writing and photographs.
- Using our mathematical skills, we'll measure and compare our hands, feet and heights.
- We'll count candles and think about why we celebrate birthdays.
- Getting creative, we'll make amazing artwork of people we love.

Key vocabulary

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| Happy | Love | Care | Kiss | Cuddle | Hug | | | | |
| Friend | Special | Family | Baby | Hobby | Birthday | | | | |
| Brother | Parent | Pet | Doll | Play | Sister | | | | |
| Feelings | Teddy | Happy | | | | | | | |

Communication and language

- Children listen attentively in a range of situations. They listen to stories, accurately anticipating key events and respond to what they hear with relevant comments, questions or actions. They give their attention to what others say and respond appropriately, while engaged in another activity.
- Children express themselves effectively, showing awareness of listeners' needs. They use past, present and future forms accurately when talking about events that have happened or are to happen in the future. They develop their own narratives and explanations by connecting ideas or events.

Physical Development

- Children show good control and co-ordination in large and small movements. They move confidently in a range of ways, safely negotiating space. They handle equipment and tools effectively, including pencils for writing.

Personal, social and emotional development

- Children are confident to try new activities, and say why they like some activities more than others. They are confident to speak in a familiar group, will talk about their ideas, and will choose the resources they need for their chosen activities. They say when they do or don't need help.
- Children talk about how they and others show feelings, talk about their own and others' behaviour, and its consequences, and know that some behaviour is unacceptable. They work as part of a group or class, and understand and follow the rules. They adjust their behaviour to different situations, and take changes of routine in their stride.

Literacy

- Children read and understand simple sentences. They use phonic knowledge to decode regular words and read them aloud accurately. They also read some common irregular words. They demonstrate understanding when talking with others about what they have read.
- Children use their phonic knowledge to write words in ways which match their spoken sounds. They also write some irregular common words. They write simple sentences which can be read by themselves and others. Some words are spelt correctly and others are phonetically plausible.

Maths

- Children count reliably with numbers from one to twenty, place them in order and say which number is one more or one less than a given number. Using quantities and objects, they add and subtract two single-digit numbers and count on or back to find the answer. They solve problems, including doubling, halving and sharing.
- Children use everyday language to talk about size, weight, capacity, position, distance, time and money to compare quantities and objects and to solve problems. They recognise, create and describe patterns. They explore characteristics of everyday objects and shapes and use mathematical language to describe them.

Understanding the World

- Children talk about past and present events in their own lives and in the lives of family members. They know that other children don't always enjoy the same things, and are sensitive to this. They know about similarities and differences between themselves and others, and among families, communities and traditions.
- Children know about similarities and differences in relation to places, objects, materials and living things. They talk about the features of their own immediate environment and how environments might vary from one another. They make observations of animals and plants and explain why some things occur, and talk about changes.
- Children recognise that a range of technology is used in places such as homes and schools. They select and use technology for particular purposes.

Expressive arts and design

- Children sing songs, make music and dance, and experiment with ways of changing them. They safely use and explore a variety of materials, tools and techniques, experimenting with colour, design, texture, form and function.
- Children use what they have learnt about media and materials in original ways, thinking about uses and purposes. They represent their own ideas, thoughts and feelings through design and technology, art, music, dance, role play and stories.

RE Links

Being special: where do we belong?

- Reflect on their beliefs, religious or otherwise, that inform their perspective on life and their interest in and respect for different people's faiths, feelings and values.
- Sense enjoyment and fascination when learning about themselves, others and the world around them.

