

# Parent Information Sheet

## Reception - Places

*What is it like in the forest? What is it like in the town?*

*Where would you prefer to live and why?*

Reception will read *The Bear and the Piano* as well as *Augustus and his Smile*.

In *The Bear and the Piano*, a bear finds a piano in the forest! In *Augustus and his Smile*, a tiger searches for its smile. In both stories, along with exploring thoughts and feelings, the children will learn about similarities and differences between the natural world and built up locations such as towns and cities.

## As Artists:

We will learn about different musical instruments, explore the sounds that they make, make percussion instruments of our own and talk about how music makes us feel.

## Aspiration:

We will be aspiring to encourage each other to value each other's views and beliefs and to talk about our feelings and about our likes and dislikes.

## Term Dates:

Tuesday 4th January - Friday 18th February



## As Geographers:

We will use photographs to find out about the town where we live, Middlesbrough. We will look at a contrasting location such as a forest, and talk about similarities and differences between these two.

## Resilience:

We will keep trying even when we find something difficult to do, or when we face new challenges.

## As Scientists:

We will be learning about how we can care for our neighbourhood and the wider world, and how we can keep ourselves and our bodies healthy.

## Commitment:

We will commit to learning that looking after our world is a shared responsibility. We will also commit to talking about the different factors that support our own health and wellbeing.

## Topic Challenge Home Learning

*Just a few ideas:*

What can you see in Middlesbrough?  
Have you been there? What is it like there?  
How do the seasons change?  
Which season is it now? How do you know?  
Which is your favourite season?

## Harmony:

We will endeavour to be a good friend, consider other people's feelings and try to empathise with others, especially with others who may be new to our community.

## Useful Information:

Book Bags must be brought into school every day as reading books will be changed regularly when needed.

PE will be on Tuesdays and Fridays.