

St Thomas More R.C. Primary - Reception  
What I am Learning - Autumn 1: Settling in/All About Me/Autumn  
Text: Supermarket Gremlins

Area of Learning	Activities	Area of Learning	Activities
Communication and Language	We will be spending lots of time this half term getting to know each other and we will be encouraging the children to develop their speaking and listening skills in small and larger group situations. We will be sharing and discussing stories and books linked to our topics and during this half term we will look closely at the story 'Supermarket Gremlins.'	Mathematics	This half term, we will be focussing on recognising and ordering numbers, counting to 20 (and beyond) and counting out a set number of objects accurately. We will also be working on prepositions and positional language – in, on, under, next to, behind and using language related to time (e.g. days of the week, months of the year, yesterday, today, tomorrow) Our daily Maths sessions will also begin this half term.
Physical Development	We will be beginning our PE sessions during this half term. We will be working in the hall on Tuesday afternoons and Thursday mornings. Our focus for PE this half term is 'basic movements.' We will begin our 'Dough Disco' sessions that will develop the muscles in our hands and arms and help us to hold and use pencils correctly.	Understanding the World.	Through our topic work, we will be looking at changes in our environment. We will be discussing the seasonal changes of Autumn and go for an autumn walk. We will be collecting natural resources and use them in our creative work. We will be using and operating ICT equipment; Interactive Whiteboard, digital cameras and using them to support our topic work.
Personal, Social and Emotional Development	During our first half term our main focus will be in this area of learning. We will be encouraging the children get to know each other through class games, discussions and also through small group circle time activities. We will be getting used to our class rules and behavioural expectations and also the daily routines in Reception; carpet sessions, lunch time etc.	Expressive Arts and Design	This half term, we will be encouraging the children to explore and use different media and materials in their creative work. We will be painting our own 'Self Portraits' and we will be discuss how to use paintbrushes and colours effectively for this purpose. We will be exploring what happens when we mix colours and create our own gremlins. We will begin weekly Music sessions this half term, and our focus will be 'Singing Games' which also involves dance.
Literacy	We will be sharing stories and books related to our topic and we will be encouraging the children to listen carefully and respond appropriately. Through our work with the text 'Supermarket Gremlins' we will be writing items for a gremlin shopping list, writing labels for items in shopping baskets and creating 'watch out for the gremlin' posters. Our Phonics groups will begin this half term.	Outdoor Provision.	As part of our continuous provision, the children will be accessing the outdoors as much as possible. Our provision this half term will include; 'Construction Site', sand and water and opportunities for writing and maths work. Our children access the outdoor environment daily, this includes the wider school grounds. Please ensure your child is wearing appropriate outer clothing. Thank you.

