

Foundation Stage Curriculum Information for Parents September 2021

For the main part of their time your children will be learning through activities which will cover more than one area of learning. They will be encouraged to make choices and develop independence in their learning as well as take managed risks.

Your child will have access to a range of activities which will cover Language and Communication, Physical Gross and Fine motor skills, Literacy, Maths, Personal, Social and Health Education as well as art, music, Knowledge and Understanding of the World and ICT areas of development.

Role play, sand, water, painting, construction, problem solving, communication and creative activities will be on offer as continuous provision daily. We will strive to offer free flow play daily which will extend and develop learning through both indoor and outdoor activities. For this reason we would ask that your child brings their coat in daily to allow access to our outdoor areas.

As a way of familiarising ourselves we look forward to sharing the contents of your child's 'All About Me' box that we set as a Summer Holiday Challenge. These are an excellent way to generate conversation within our class during circle time. They also show us what each child's individual interests are.

We will share both fiction, non-fiction and simple poetry books with the children as a whole class and on a 1-1 basis. We will also have a class library time on a Friday. We would encourage you to continue the good practice you will already of been doing regarding sharing books you have at home with your child and asking them questions to predict what might happen and them discuss what has happened, taking time to look at pictures and describe characters and settings.

Following time to get to know your child we will send them additional 'reading' books from our school scheme with an explanatory note for you.

During our daily phonic and literacy sessions we will introduce letters through the new Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Programme which encourages children to learn letters progressively throughout the whole school with a pronunciation and formation phase. The idea is for the children to learn the letter name and relate it to the letter shape. They will need your help and support for this and we will send home sets of letters after they have been introduced and your child will progress as they demonstrate their aptitude and enthusiasm for learning.

Our Mathematics learning will focus on counting using number and place value to 10 (or beyond), ordering numbers, being able to identify how many objects are in a set, represent numbers with marks on paper, match numeral and quantity correctly to 10. We will also introduce basic addition and subtraction involving change within 5; one more, one less than and the measurement language of time through learning about 'My Day'.

In order to ensure your child's safety we only let the children out at the end of the day as we see their parent/carer. As we are still getting to know some of you this may take a little time at the beginning of term so please bear with us. We would ask that if they are being collected by somebody please tell us at morning drop off or notify the office.

We hope this helps in getting to know a little more about our lovely Reception Class and we look forward to a very productive term together!

Our very best wishes,

Mrs Sewell, Mrs Berry, Miss Hill and Miss Wing

