

Foundation Stage Parents Information-Autumn Term (first half)

Welcome to the Autumn Term in Foundation. This is your curriculum information sheet and you will receive one of these at the beginning of each half term.

For the part time week and first full time week we will be interacting with and observing children during their play and learning activities. This will help us assess the children in the seven areas of learning. This information then will inform both our baseline assessments and our future planning to help to focus on the children's next steps in their learning.

This half term we will be thinking about the topic 'Super Me Super You' this will include:

- Thinking about our families, what we like to do at home and where we live.
- Learning all about our school and other children in our class.
- Beginning to understand that all families are different and all families are special.
- Looking carefully at ourselves and painting, drawing and representing what we see.
- Sharing books about ourselves and families.
- Learning songs about ourselves and our bodies.
- Writing about ourselves, our families and our school.
- Reading and writing about 'Pete the Cat' and his adventures.

In our maths sessions we will be working on numbers and counting and how to use our Numicon resources.

In our phonic sessions we will be working on both phase one and phase two including rhyming, recognising letters, segmenting and blending.

In PE on a Tuesday we will be working on dough disco and a meaningful movement programme, which aims to help develop children's large movement skills, develop concentration and support their readiness for more formal learning. During our PE Friday session we will be working on following instructions and using a range of small PE equipment.

From the second full time week in school, we will be working to our timetable each week the children will have

- 5 phonics session
- 2 P.E. sessions
- 4 structured maths sessions
- a shared read session
- a guided reading session
- a shared writing session
- a guided writing session
- a handwriting session
- a circle time session
- a R-time session
- a session in the computer suite
- 3 Expressive Arts or Knowledge of the World sessions
- 2 music and singing sessions

There will also be lots of time to play, both inside and outside while making new friends.

Arrangements for PE/Homework/Reading

We will be sending homework on a Friday this will be to extend their learning from one of the seven areas of learning and will be something for you to enjoy as a family. Please return homework on a Monday.

PE sessions are normally held on a Tuesday and Friday. If your child has long hair please ensure it is fastened back. If your child has pierced ears we would like you to remove their earrings for these days. If you cannot remove the earrings, please send them to school, on PE days, with their earrings covered by micropore tape. This tape is available from a chemist.

Once we have finished our assessments we will be hearing your child read and changing their books every Wednesday. Lots more information about reading will be given at our reading evening. See below

We will be sending home phonics homework every Friday from the 22nd September

Please try to hear them read and practice their phonics as often as possible. Please keep all reading books, phonics cards/activities in the packets provided and keep them all in their school book bag.

Please ensure that book bags are in school every day.

We would like to invite you to a reading meeting where we will explain how we teach phonics and reading at school. This will be on **Tuesday 5th September at 7pm** (see enclosed letter)

Other information

As part of the Early Years Foundation Stage we gather information about your child in a variety of ways. We will be sending home 'I am special notes' for you to share your child's achievements from home.

Children will misplace items so **PLEASE** ensure all your child's items are labelled with their name. Named items are much easier to track down and return.

Please make sure your child brings a named water bottle each day (water only)

Staffing

Class Teacher: Mrs Johnson **Nursery Nurses:** Mrs Sime Mrs Swinfield

Learning Support Assistants: Mrs Foote Mrs Fisher

Mrs Sime and Mrs Swinfield will be leading the class when Mrs Johnson is out for her PPA and Deputy Headteacher time.

If you have any questions or concerns please speak to Mrs Johnson and we look forward to sharing a wonderful year with you and your children.