

Owler Brook School Foundation Stage Two Autumn Term 1 2017
Our theme this term is Heroes Are Everywhere

Useful information



All clothing to be named - it makes returning lost items easier for us and for you.

- Cold days - warm jumper, hat scarf and gloves
- Rainy days - waterproof coat.
- Everyday - shoes safe for running, book bag, P.E bag on their peg.

We do P.E at different times in the week in small groups from next half term.

What's happening?

We focus this term on getting to know you and your child.

We also help your child to understand the daily routines of school.

- **Parent Meetings** Wed 18th and Thursday 19th October
- **Last Day of Term** Friday 27th October

What can you do at home?

- ❖ Keep reading with your child and use the reading diaries.
- ❖ Bring in any tubes/boxes for junk modelling in school.
- ❖ Do jigsaws with your child or baking, chat about what you are doing.
- ❖ Practice writing their name.
- ❖ Talk about healthy eating at home and school.



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Our Seven Curriculum Areas



Personal, Social, Emotional Development

- Learning to be part of a larger group.
- Learning to enjoy school.
- Caring, sharing, and cooperating in a group.
- Following an agreed code of behaviour.



Communication and Language

- Developing language, vocabulary, listening skills through group, class, role-play and drama sessions.



Physical Development

- Developing control over body movements in dance and physical skills i.e. ball games.
- Developing fine motor control (pencil, scissors etc).
- The importance of keeping healthy.
- Pencil control and handwriting skills.



Expressive Arts and Design

- To develop visual imaginative skills.
- Using a variety of materials.
- Use of voice in singing.
- To enjoy different styles of music.



Mathematics

- Making sets for a variety of purposes.
- Counting skills and number recognition.
- Mental number tasks.
- Using number songs to help with number order.
- Applications of mathematics in play situations - the bat cave, sand, water, dominoes, puzzles etc.



Literacy

- Developing early reading skills enjoying books and stories.
- Mark making independently.
- Talking about books.



Understanding of the world

- Observing the environment and using our senses.
- Understanding what has happened in the past.
- Use of ICT in the classroom and ICT suite.
- Use of interactive whiteboard.
- Construction kits and use of simple construction tools.
- An understanding of other cultures and beliefs.



How my child will be learning at Owler Brook Foundation Stage

The EYFS Framework explains how and what your child will be learning to support their healthy development. (You can find it on Foundation Years on the Internet!)

Your child will be learning skills, acquiring new knowledge and demonstrating their understanding through **7 areas of learning and development**.

Children should mostly develop the **3 prime areas** first. These are:

- *Communication and language;*
- *Physical development; and*
- *Personal, social and emotional development.*



These **prime areas** are those most essential for your child's healthy development and future learning.

As children grow, the prime areas will help them to develop skills in **4 specific areas**.
These are:

- *Literacy;*



- *Mathematics;*



- *Understanding the world;*



- *Expressive arts and design;*



These **7** areas are used to plan your child's learning and activities. We will teach and support your child and we will make sure that the activities are suited to your child's unique needs. This is a little bit like a curriculum in primary and secondary schools, but it's suitable for very young children, and it's designed to be really flexible so that staff can follow your child's unique needs and interests.

Children in the EYFS learn by playing and exploring, being active, and through creative and critical thinking which takes place **both indoors and outside**.



