

Year R Curriculum Newsletter Summer 2018

Mrs Dexter & Mrs Bramham

Prime Areas

Personal, Social & Emotional Development Making Relationships

We are learning to play co-operatively, taking turns with others. We are learning to take account of the ideas of others. We are learning how to be sensitive to the needs and feelings of others.

Self-confidence & Self-awareness

We are developing our confidence to try new activities and say why we like some activities more than others. We are developing our confidence to speak in a group to share our thoughts and ideas.

Managing Feelings & Behaviour

We are learning to talk about how we are feeling and how others are feeling. We are learning to work as part of a group and understand and follow the rules.

Communication & Language Listening & Attention

We are learning to listen attentively in a range of situations and to respond to what we hear with relevant comments, questions or actions.

Understanding

We are learning to follow instructions involving several ideas or actions. We are learning to answer 'how' and 'why' questions in response to stories or events.

Speaking

We are learning to express ourselves effectively speaking clearly and articulately. We are learning to develop our own explanations by connecting ideas or events.

Physical Development Moving & Handling

We are learning how to hold a pencil effectively. We are learning how to write neatly and how to form letters correctly.

Health & Self Care

We are learning to manage our own basic hygiene and personal needs successfully. We need to be confident to: dress, toilet, wash our hands and get a tissue and wipe our nose.

PE information

All Reception children have a dance lesson or a PE lesson each Thursday.

Please ensure that your child has their PE kit in school. Earrings must be removed before school and long hair tied back.

Please help your child to choose appropriate clothes on PE day so that they can change independently – tights, dresses and belts can be quite tricky.

Please check that all of your child's kit is clearly named. Please check that your child has brought the right clothing – a couple of items of clothing have accidentally gone to the wrong home!



Specific Areas Literacy Reading

We are learning to read Phase 2, 3 & 4 words and sentences. We are learning to talk about what we have read.

Writing

We are learning how to write Phase 2, 3 & 4 words and sentences including spelling 'tricky words' correctly.

Mathematics

Numbers

We are learning to recognise, order and count reliably with numbers from 0-20 and beyond. We are learning how to add and subtract up to 10. We are learning to count in 2's, 10's and 5's.

Shape, Space & Measure

We are learning to use everyday language to talk about size, weight, capacity, position, distance, time and money. We are learning to recognise and name 2D flat shapes and 3D solid shapes. We are learning to recognise, create and describe patterns.

Understanding the World People & Communities

We are learning to talk about differences between ourselves and others. We are learning that other children don't always enjoy the same things, and are sensitive to this.

The World

We are learning how to make observations of animals and plants and explain why some things occur and talk about changes.

Technology

We are learning that a range of technology is used in places such as homes and schools. We are learning how to select and use technology for particular purposes.

Expressive Arts & Design Exploring & Using Media & Materials

We are learning to use a variety of materials, tools and techniques safely to express ourselves creatively.

Being Imaginative

We are learning to representation our own ideas, thoughts and feelings through design and technology, art, music, dance, role play and stories.

<u>Help your child learn</u>

Health and Self-care

Please help your child to become confident to:

- Dress independently including turning their clothes in the right way
- Put their shoes on the right feet
- Get a tissue and wipe their nose when needed
- Put on their coat and do it up
- Toilet independently
- Wash their hands thoroughly rinsing off the soap suds

Reading/phonics

Please read school scheme books daily and remember to sign your child's reading diary **every day** that they read. *Children that have read 5 days or more each week are rewarded by a treat!*

Please help your child to become confident to read the words in the front of their reading diary.

Please look back through your phonics books –you do not need to bring these to school any more.

Please help your child to develop their speaking, listening and comprehension skills by sharing books other than school reading scheme books, and by chatting about the things they do at school and home.

Please come and speak to a member of our team if you have any queries or concerns.

<u>Home links</u>

Please help your child to complete activities in their home link book – these are updated once a week.

Please ensure that your child brings a coat every day even if it is sunny.

Please bring a sunhat, preferably one that can stay at school. Apply suncream before school if appropriate.

Please ensure that your child has a named water bottle at school every day.

Please check that all of your child's belongings are clearly named.

Other information

We are really pleased with the progress that the children are making in their Foundation Year and cannot believe how quickly the year is passing!

Thank you for your continued support.