

Early Years (FS 2 -Foundation Stage 2): Autumn 2017



Physical Development

- Learning to move and sit in our own space.
- Learning how to zip up own coat and fasten buttons
- Holding a pencil correctly and making marks.
- Threading accurately using pincer grip.
- Using one handled tool such as scissors

Expressive Arts and Design

- Mixing and selecting their own paint.
- Taking a familiar role in their role play.
- To learn and sing a range of songs.
- Make up stories
- Art work inspired by the night sky
- Class artist work and sculpture work

Mathematics

- Counting objects by point and moving each object as we count.
- Learning regular dice patterns by sight.
- Learning how to use Numicon
- Sorting objects by shape, colour, and size.
- Exploring amounts using a range of resources

It's Wonderful Being Me

Understanding the World

- Construct models and be able to talk about what we have created.
- Talk about the things we see on our tour around the school and the local environment
- To use the buttons on a beebot to enable him to move in different directions.
- To understand the celebration of 'Diwali' and its importance in the Hindu faith.
- Learn about Bonfire Night and Remembrance

Communication and Literacy

- To be able to add a rhyming words to a list e.g. bed, head, led.
- Listening to and distinguishing sounds in the environment e.g. bird, cats, wind chimes.
- Sharing school library books at home.
- Initiating conversations with new people.
- Learning how to use taught sounds as we write and read

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

- Meeting new people and forming new relationships.
- Getting changed for P.E. independently.
- Sharing resources and taking turns.
- Learning the school rules and abiding to them.
- Learning new routines such as snack time and lunch time.
- Increasing our independence.

Autumn Term 2017

Welcome to Bridgewater Primary School, we hope you and your child are enjoying the start of their learning journey at this exciting time of year. Each term we send home an overview, as overleaf, giving you a taste of the things we will be teaching your child that term. Our curriculum is very busy, and changes according to the interest of the children, so the overview is quite brief, but is designed to keep you informed about your child's learning. We will display this overview on our notice board and on our school website. We are always keen to add our children's enquiry into our planning. If your child has any questions about any of our learning or something they have experienced that they wish to share with their friends please speak to a member of the early years team and we will endeavour to plan activities to support their understanding and interests.

This term our theme is called 'It's wonderful Being Me' which involves getting to know their new learning environment and friends they will be exploring their experiences with. We will be encouraging the children to share with us their summer scrap books and talk about people at home that are important to them. We will be exploring their local environment and begin to make comparisons as we observe Autumnal changes. Throughout this term the children will begin their phonics lessons, take home their first reading and library books and take part in a wide variety of explorative play to develop their skills and knowledge. They will have the opportunity to take home our special phonics challenge puppet called Jerome and complete his challenges linked with the sounds and words we are learning at school. Alongside Jerome we also have our seasonal take home bags so please speak to any member of the Early Years team if you would like to take home one of our enquiry bags for a weekend. We will also explore a variety of themes linked with customs and traditions from different faiths and cultures

We would like to take this moment to remind you to ensure that your child's reading books stay in your child's book bag **at all times** so that we have access to them at any time throughout the school week. Your child will have a reading record book that will accompany their reading books. This record book is for both adults in school and parents/carers to record your child's achievements, challenges and next steps in reading. Each class will visit the school library on a weekly basis. Our library day is **Thursday**. Your child will choose their own book and bring it home for you to read to them. Please make sure that they are returned in books bags, ready to change the following Thursday. Children are not able to borrow another book until the previous one is returned. There is a charge for unreturned books.

We would like to begin cookery sessions with the children. We like to cook at least once a term. In order to do this we need to ask for a contribution of **£5 per child** to cover the whole year and allow us to buy the ingredients and resources to support this valuable experience in school. Please hand your contribution to a member of staff in a named envelope.

Dates for your diary:

Please note these are also displayed on the school calendar on the website and on our notice board at the entrance to the unit. You may not always get a letter to remind you, so please check the calendar and notice board regularly.

Tuesday 10th October - PE sessions begin, can you please ensure your child has a fully **named** indoor and outdoor PE kit in school for this date please.

Thursday 19th October - Literacy Information Evening

Monday 6th November - Sparkle and Shine dress up day (further information will be sent closer to the date)

Friday 1st December 2.30pm and Monday 4th December 10 am - Early Years Nativity Performance

We hope you and your child enjoy this very exciting term at school. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to talk to any member of the Early Years Team.

Kind Regards

Mrs Jessica Wise

Early Phase Leader