

Foundation Autumn Term Newsletter

A note from Mr Bond and Miss Thompson

We have been so happy to meet our new Foundation pupils and have really enjoyed getting to know each other over the past couple of weeks. The class have enjoyed exploring the different learning areas like our Tinkering Station, Home Corner and outside area. As part of our "All About Me" topic, the children have been drawing their self-portraits which are now proudly displayed in our classroom. For the rest of the term, we are looking forward to finding out more about each member of the class and their families as well as learning about their hobbies, likes and dislikes. Our topic will encourage the class to recognise and appreciate everyone's individuality and we will also be exploring the science behind our senses.



Foundation Reading

The first reading book your child will have is a lilac conversation book. These are picture books that encourage the children to talk about what they can see in the pictures. Each child will also receive a small plastic wallet containing word cards. Please could you support your child to learn them.

Special Note: All children who read 'five times a week' will be entered into a weekly draw to receive a 'golden ticket' which can be used to choose a book in our vending machine!

PE

On your child's PE day, they may come to school in their PE kit and remain in it for the entire day. They do not need to bring uniform to change in to. As the children will be wearing their kit all day, please ensure that it is in line with our uniform policy. **Navy blue and kit with logos on are not permitted. Please ensure that long hair is tied up and that earrings are not worn on PE days.**

Stafford class PE days will be on Wednesdays and Thursdays.



Colder Months

Please remember to send your child to school in the appropriate clothing for the weather that day (such as hats/gloves/scarves). All clothing should be named. Thank you



Fruit & Water

Children are encouraged to bring a sports cap suction bottle to school each morning, filled with water. Please save squash for lunch. Fruit will be provided at break time.

Our next topic will be...

People Who Help Us

In this topic we will celebrate and discover the people who help us, at home, in school and in our community. We will learn about important jobs of our emergency services and the vital roles they play in keeping us safe. We will discover if things have changed, 'medically', over the years and rules we can follow for keeping ourselves safe i.e. fire safety, road safety etc.



The Curriculum

Literacy	Daily phonics and reading. Exception words. Daily writing activity sessions Writing opportunities in all areas, indoor and outdoor. Developing pencil grip. Marking making/giving meaning to marks. Writing initial sounds. Grapheme/phoneme correspondence. Recognise/write name Labelling. Self-registration.
Maths	Subitising within 3. Counting on skills Exploring how all numbers are made of 1s. Focus on composition of 3, 4 and 5. Subitise objects and sounds. Comparison of sets – Just by looking and then by matching. Use the language of comparison: more than and fewer than. Explore the concept of 'Whole' and 'Part'. Matching numerals to quantities within 10. Verbal counting beyond 10
PSED	Learning our routines and school rules. Beginning and Belonging. Family and Friends Taking turns and sharing.
Physical Development	A range of activities to develop and improve gross and fine motor skills. Work on developing the correct letter formation and pencil control. Physical activities to develop Fundamental Movement Skills.
Expressive Art and Design	Learn and recite songs. Creating self and family portraits Looking at the primary colours and colour mixing. Autumn art through various mediums. Making house collages. Learning how to use different materials to express ideas.
Understanding the World	Learning about how we have changed since we were a baby. Chronologically ordering changes from baby to adulthood. Senses: Exploration of natural materials using a wide range of vocabulary. Learning about the parts of our body. Signs of autumn. Changing seasons hibernation and migration. Winter - Keeping warm in cold weather. Celebrations and festivals: Remembrance, bonfire night, Diwali, Christmas.

