

Dear Parents/Carers

We are delighted to be teaching your children and are amazed at how well they have settled into their new learning environment. They have been working hard over the past couple of weeks and we are extremely proud of them. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the support we have been shown already. If you would like to talk to us about anything we will be available at the end of each day. Below is a brief outline of what your child will be learning during this term. Thank you from, Miss Ward, Miss Jenkins, Mrs Fell, Mrs Baker, Miss Hall and Mrs Shaw

**Our topics are:**  
**'Tell me a story' in Autumn 1**  
**'Let's Party' in Autumn 2**

**Personal, Social and Emotional Development**

We will be focusing on:

- Following new rules
- Listening when other people are speaking
- Following instructions
- Making new friends
- Being friendly towards others
- Playing cooperatively with other children
- Taking turns
- Talking about how we are feeling



**Literacy**

We will be focusing on:

- Joining in with songs and rhymes
- Enjoying listening to different stories
- Suggesting how stories might end
- Naming characters in known stories
- Learning to read letter sounds
- Learning to write letter shapes
- Writing our name



**Physical Development**

We will be focusing on:

- Moving safely in different ways
- Controlling our movements when completing an obstacle course
- Improving hand control when using different tools
- Holding a pencil correctly when writing and drawing
- Improving throwing and catching skills



**Numeracy**

We will be focusing on:

- Comparing amounts of objects
- Using different language to describe amounts of objects
- Matching numbers to amounts
- Recognising shapes in the environment
- Using shapes to recreate patterns and pictures
- Using positional language, such as over and under



**Understanding of the World**

We will be focusing on:

- Knowing what makes us unique and special
- Talking about our similarities and differences in relation to family and friends
- Talking about people we love and care for



**Communication and Language**

We will be focusing on:

- Listening to traditional tales and joining in with them
- Retelling parts of a familiar story
- Understanding 'how' and 'why' questions
- Using language to recreate experiences in role play
- Taking turns in a conversation



**Expressive Arts and Design**

We will be focusing on:

- Copying simple repeated rhythms
- Mixing paints to make different colours
- Joining in circle games
- Using construction to build



## Things to remember!



**PE-** Fridays

### Homework

Your child will bring home a reading book each week. It would benefit your child if you could spend five/ten minutes each evening reading/talking about the book with your child. Please leave a comment in their reading record each time then we can change their book regularly. You will also be receiving a free Reading Book Bag, which is kindly paid for from our Friends of Birkwood, led by Mrs Tracey White.

When your child is ready, they will bring home a 'Phonics pack' which will include sounds and words they are learning in phonics. Please encourage your child to read the sounds and words to you.

The children have a home learning folder which you can use to share your child's experiences or achievements from home with school.

We also have a class puppet which goes home with a different child each weekend. It would be lovely if you could share your time with our puppet by putting some comments, pictures or photographs in the book. Thank you.

### Dates to note:

**Parents'/ Carers' Reading Meeting** - Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> September at 9.00am in the School Hall

**Parents'/ Carers' Afternoon/Evening** - Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October and Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October

**Sing along with the Sunflowers and Daffodils** - Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> October at 2.45pm