

Dear Parents/Carers

The children have been amazing over the past couple of weeks and we are extremely proud of how well they have settled into full time school. We are delighted to be teaching your children and we are excited for the year ahead. We will be spending lots of time this term getting to know your children and planning learning opportunities based on their next steps. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the support we have been shown already.

Thank you from, Miss Ward, Miss Jenkins, Mrs Fell and Miss McCartney

Our topics are:

'Tell me a story' and 'My Family' in Autumn 1 & 'Let's Party' and 'Autumn' in Autumn 2

In EYFS we follow an 'In The Moment' approach to children's learning. Therefore our topics are not 'set in stone' and they can often change to go with the children's interests.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We will be focusing on:

- Talking about how we feel and how others feel
- Listening when other people are speaking
- Making new friends
- Being friendly towards others
- Playing cooperatively with other children
- Following new rules and understanding our routine



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:

- Developing our movements and balancing skills
- Developing our gross motor skills
- Developing our hand control when using different tools
- Holding a pencil correctly when writing and drawing
- Developing our independence when getting undressed and dressed



Numeracy

We will be focusing on:

- Counting out loud
- Counting objects and actions
- Matching numbers to amounts
- Using different language to describe amounts of objects
- Discussions about 2D and 3D shapes
- Discussions about patterns around us, such as different designs
- 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
- Talks about the world around them, including where they live



Communication and Language

We will be focusing on:

- Listening to traditional tales and joining in with them
- Retelling parts of a familiar story
- Learning and using lots of new vocabulary
- Understanding 'why' questions and developing their answers
- Taking turns in a conversation



Expressive Arts and Design

We will be focusing on:

- Mixing paints to make different colours
- Engaging in imaginative play
- Developing their own ideas when making models
- Adding details to our drawings



Things to remember!



Outdoor learning

Please can you provide your child with wellies, a coat and any additional items needed such as a hat and scarf, as we go out in all weathers.

Spare clothing

Please can you provide a spare set of clothes for your child, just incase they have an accident or get wet/messy during learning time.

Water bottle

Could you please send your child with their own water bottle for them to use at school. We kindly ask that they only bring water please. We will send them home each night so that they can be washed.

50p donation

We kindly ask parents/ carers to donate 50p per week to contribute to their child's experiences within school, such as food tasting, baking and planting. Please could you send this in an envelope or money bag with your child's name on or hand it to a member of staff. Thank you. We really appreciate this.

PE- Tuesday

We have P.E on a Tuesday. Please bring your P.E kit on Monday and we will send it home on Friday for washing.

Home learning

When the children are settled they 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 also 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.

Online Journey

In the next couple of weeks we will send out a letter with details about how to access your child's online learning journey.

Key Workers

In the next couple of weeks we will let you know who your child's key worker is.