



Straight... True... Successful

Key Dates

Friday 27th September—Macmillan coffee event 2.30pm
Friday 4th October—Harvest Assembly 9.15am OR 2.45pm
Monday 7th October—Individual photograph day
Monday 14th & 16th October —Parents evening
Friday 18th October—Break up for half term
Monday 28th October—Back to school
Wednesday 30th October—Halloween disco
Tuesday 5th November—Open morning (with cake!)
Wednesday 27th November—Non uniform day
Friday 29th November—Christmas fayre 3.30—5pm
Tuesday 10th December—EYFS Nativity 9.30am or 2.30pm
Tuesday 10th December—Christmas lunch
Friday 13th December—Panto visit
Tuesday 17th December—EYFS Christmas Party
Wednesday 18th December—Church
Thursday 19th December—Break up at 2.30pm

Homework

The children will have their half termly homework activities, in their 'Home Link Book'. Our 'Home Link Book' is designed to show the children's work and activities at home. Please encourage your child to write about any days out or new experiences they have in their home link book. We love to see photographs in the book too!

Please can children bring their reading books and records into school everyday and aim to read a minimum of three times a week. We will only change books if they have read; book change is on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

EYFS Autumn Term Curriculum Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

The first term of school ever is an exciting and One of our main aims in your child's first term in school is to secure a happy and safe learning environment to enable him/her to grow and flourish.

We will make each day enjoyable and challenging. Your child will develop his/her abilities and experiences through physical, mental and creative challenges. Your child will be encouraged to use his/her own ideas and interests to help us with our planning to help sustain interest and engagement.

Be sure to check the app and follow us on twitter for regular updates of our learning, although we are sure your child will share all of our fun filled adventures with you too!

Should you have any concerns or wish to talk about your child's progress, please do not hesitate to speak with us or come visit us after school and see our colourful classroom.

Miss Wilkinson and Miss Picksley

Class Book: The Little Red Hen / Elmer collection

School trip:
Panto/The Shire Hall

Literacy

In Literacy the children will be introduced to Phonics through Read, Write, Inc and will begin to recognise, say and form letters (sounds) correctly. They will also learn how to blend sounds to read words. They will begin to consider story structure and characters in familiar tales and think about creating their own ideas for stories. Pupils will also become familiar with the characters in the "Oxford Reading Tree" reading scheme and experience 'Guided Group Reading' activities that will consolidate work covered during phonics sessions. Later in the term we will be having a meet the teachers meeting to share how we teach phonics and initial writing skills.

Number

In Maths the children will be working on the recognition and value of numbers up to 10. They will be finding 1 more and 1 less than a given number and will begin to understand and explore addition. Children will learn simple 2D shape names and their properties, and learn language associated with measurements. They will also begin to solve practical 'real life' problems.

Behaviour System

In the Foundation stage we use a Sun and Cloud behaviour management system. Every child starts each day on the Sunshine. When a child stays on the sunshine all week they will receive a gold star for their star charts. However, displays of inappropriate behaviour will result in a warning. If the behaviour continues then the child will be asked to move their photo onto the cloud, this is a second warning. Any further displays of inappropriate behaviour will result in the child's photo being moved to the stormy cloud and 5 minutes time out will be given.

Golden Time

Every Friday afternoon the children have Golden Time. This is part the school behaviour system and is a reward for all those who have followed the Golden Rules throughout the week. The children are allowed to bring to school a small, inexpensive toy to play with inside during this time.

Personal, Social, and Emotional Development

The children will be introduced to the Bowmandale motto, 'Straight, True, Successful' and begin to learn what it is like to belong to a school family. We will be learning about our Golden Rules and the Star Chart system. The children will develop their understanding of how the school day works, and learn about rules and routines. They will explore why we are all special and learn to develop trust with one another.

Fine Motor Skills

They will be working on developing good pencil and scissor control, throwing and catching skills and during PE sessions they will explore different ways of travelling on the floor and along benches.

What Parents Can Do To Help?

Your child will soon be bringing home a 'Home Learning Book'. In this book we will send phonics homework associated with the sounds covered that week, instructions showing how to help your child learn the sound using action prompts and also information on letter formation. Home Learning activities will also be added each half term.

We also ask that you read your child's reading book with them as many times as possible week as well as enjoying a bedtime story. Reading books will be changed every Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Please be ready for us to ask for photographs of your child and family later in the term to help us with our topic.

Please ensure your child always has a PE kit in school that is clearly labelled with their full name. Lastly, any empty boxes, tubs, bottles etc. will be greatly appreciated for crafts.

Thank you for your continued support.