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### Key Dates

Monday 12th October— Photograph day

Friday 23rd October—Break up for half term

Monday 2nd November —Back to school

Tuesday 15th December—EYFS Christmas Party

Thursday 17th December—Break up at 2.30pm

### Homework

We will be sending phonics and number homework as and when we feel the children need to work on concepts at home. Any homework sheets we send home, do not need returning to school, they are sent to practise skills at home.

If you complete any extra work at home please photograph it and add it to your child's Tapestry account. You can also add photos and videos of your child achieving personal and social goals such as being able to zip their coat up independently or being knowledgeable about growing and nature. Please upload anything your child achieves that you would like us to see.

When your child is blending and is ready for a reading book, we will send them home on a Monday and a Friday so please ensure your child brings their bookbag everyday with their reading book in it.

## EYFS Autumn Term Curriculum Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

The first term of school ever is an exciting one and 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 send an email to Mrs Power in the office who will forward it to us or ring the office and ask for us to return your call.

Miss Wilkinson and Mrs Simpson

**Class Book:** The Little Red Hen/The Jolly Postman

**School trip:**

No visits planned because of current events.

### 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.

### Praise and Rewards

In the Reception classroom, we promote a positive learning space and encourage excellent behaviour. We regularly give stickers to children who are shown to be trying hard and following our Golden Rules. We also have a section on our behaviour system as discussed below, which allows children to move to the Superstar. If a child moves to the Superstar, they get to choose a prize from the Golden box!

### 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 starting to learn phonics and begin their journey to learn to read. We will be sending home letter formation homework so your child can become confident in writing the sounds they learn. Once we begin we learn 5 sounds a week so please help your child at home to become confident with their new sounds. We will also be sending maths homework to help with number formation and to work on new skills the children have learnt in school. Any homework sheets sent home, do not need to be sent back to school.

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

Please ensure your child always has a PE kit in school that is clearly labelled with their full name, PE kits will be needed after the October half term. Please make sure your child has their own labelled water bottle in school with them every day. Lastly, any empty boxes, tubs, bottles etc. will be greatly appreciated for crafts.

Thank you for your continued support.