



Straight... True... Successful

Key Dates

21st January—Big Talk event
28th January—Skip 4 Life
3rd February—Class Photographs
5th February—Celebration of Work
10th & 12th—Parent's Evenings
14th—24th February—Half Term
25th February—Skip 4 Life
28th February—Inspire Afternoon
5th March—World Book Day
6th March—Open Morning
24th March—Healthy Me Day
2nd April—Easter Service at Church
3rd April—Break Up at 2.30pm

Homework

The children will continue to bring home different homework sheets and booklets, these are to be completed whenever you choose and do not need to be returned to school.

We ask that children read at home at least three times a week and it is recorded in their reading record so we know when their book needs changing. 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.

PE

PE will be on a Tuesday. Please ensure that the children have their kit always have their kit in school and provide tape for those with their ears pierced.

EYFS Spring Term Curriculum Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fantastic first term we have had! The children have settled into life at Bowmandale and are confident and happy learners. Reading has been a huge success over the last term and lots of children are doing so well in Read, Write, Inc and with their Home Reading Books. Please continue to keep reading at home with your child.

This term we are focussing on number recognition and ordering numbers. Be sure to check the app for regular updates of our learning, although I'm 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.

Miss Wilkinson and Mrs Simpson

Class Book: Fairytales—Jack and the Beanstalk, Little Red Riding Hood, Goldilocks and the Three Bears.

School trip: Lincoln Castle

Literacy

In Literacy the children will continue with Phonics through Read, Write, Inc and will begin to put letters together to write words. We will be starting a weekly writing session in the Spring Term that will link to our work and themed books. Although some children may find the beginning stages of writing tricky, the sessions are aimed at every child's ability. The children will also be starting Guided Reading sessions this term, this will consist of small groups of children reading and answering comprehension questions together which are guided by an adult.

Number

In Maths the children are still working on recognising numbers to 20 and being able to count objects accurately. We will move on to learning about addition and subtraction. Children will learn simple 3D shape names and their properties, and learn weight, length and capacity, this will also include being able to order them according to their volume. 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.

A member of staff will then spend some time talking with the child, discussing why that behaviour is not appropriate and offering some alternative ways to deal with the situation.

Golden Time

Every Friday afternoon the children have Golden Time. This is part of 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 during this time.

Personal, Social, and Emotional Development

The children will be consolidate 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?

Please continue to work with your child with the maths and phonics homework associated with the sounds that we have covered, instructions showing how to help your child learn the sound using action prompts and also information on letter formation.

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 changed every Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Please ensure your child always has a PE kit in school that is clearly labelled with their full name. Please provide tape for those children who have their ears pierced. Lastly, any empty boxes, tubs, bottles etc. will be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your continued support.