

Curriculum News

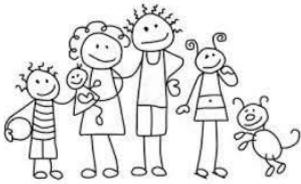
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Miss Hatter - Autumn 1 2019

For the first few weeks we will be completing a baseline assessment for all children in FS1 and FS2. Lots of time is spent on familiarising children with routines and expectations for school and making sure all children are happy, settled and 'ready to learn'.

Home and School partnerships

There are many ways for parents/carers to share all the brilliant things that their children get up to at home and out of school.



Family Observations (via your normal 2 Simple observations)

Simply reply to an email that I will be sending out to you with photos of what your child has been getting up to, please ensure that you provide a short description of what your child was doing or comments that they made for me to include in their 'Learning Journey' and successfully match it to the Early Years Foundation Stage.

Golden Sunshine strips

We will send out a selection strips for you to complete as you wish, please ask for more as and when you need them! They work best when sent for extra special things for your child rather than all of them at once. We are trying to celebrate all the things that make our children unique and celebrate that with peers.

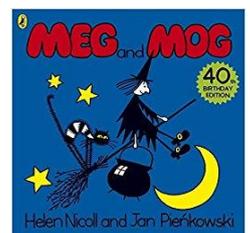


Car Seat Safety at Blackwell Community Centre



Our first topic will be Road Safety and how to keep ourselves safe as a pedestrian and how to keep safe when we are travelling in a car, we have booked to borrow lots of resources from Derbyshire County Council and will be lot of fun! As part of this, on Wednesday 25th September Road Safety Officers from Derbyshire County Council will be based at Blackwell Community Centre from around 9:30 onwards to run Car Seat Safety sessions with parents/carers and members of the community. **Please see Miss Hatter ASAP to book a slot.**

Topics for the Autumn term



As we start each topic I shall send out a list of key questions that we will be learning about in school and you may wish to follow up at home.



Mrs Knight will continue to teach every Wednesday afternoon to cover my PPA time and alternate mornings on a Tuesday to cover my EYFS leadership time, in the afternoon she will be teaching 'Musical Gems', computing using Ipads, 'Scratch Junior' and RE.

Library

We are continuing to borrow books from our class library and will continue to operate a one book in and one book out system as before, this should enable all children to change their library books more than once a week if they wish to.



Reading and phonemes

We will be busy assessing (new children) and re-assessing (existing children) linked to their phonic knowledge. We will shortly be sending home a named individual set of 'Gruffalo' themed phoneme cards based on the letter sounds that your child already knows and the next ones that they need to learn. Please keep these in your child's book bag so that they are always handy for checking and updating in school. We will discuss with FS2 parents on an individual basis when FS staff feel children are ready to proceed onto the school reading scheme.

Read Write Inc

I will be organising a Read Write Inc workshop for parents to provide an overview of how we teach children to read in the early stages and how parents can help at home. This will be extremely beneficial as the year goes by in order to help your child as they start bringing home phonemes, key words, reading books etc, plus all the letter formation phrases that we use in school.

Please fill in the section at the end of this newsletter and return to school to indicate when is the best time slot and I will do my best to accommodate, then further details will follow with the date and time.

Reading Volunteer

We are delighted to continue to have Mrs Price in our class most Wednesday and Thursday mornings to share books with children, practise phonemes and update phoneme cards, exchange library books and in some cases reading books. She has volunteered within our school in KS1 for many years and we look forward to her being with us!

Targets

All children will soon be receiving individual targets linked to the next steps for each child, these will be shared with you at the first parent consultation evening. For some children this will be learning to write their name with their new name card and eventually without. Children will have a home name card (H) for practising writing their name at home and a school (S) name card that they keep in their drawer whenever they need to write their name. Targets will be based on individual observations and baseline assessments of children to inform their next steps.

New Starter parent workshop

In July we held a new starter presentation in the hall and packs were given out with 'All About Me' booklets (FS1 and FS2 versions) and various other forms to read, complete and send back to school. If you have not completed yours yet, or need a spare copy please see Miss Hatter. I have a number of packs labelled up ready for children that were in FS1 last academic year.

Water bottles



Please ensure that your child brings a water bottle with water in (**no juice or dilute please**). The children have frequent opportunities to drink throughout the day and to fill bottles up as necessary. If your child has sandwiches they will need a separate water bottle to use throughout the day; bottles can be purchased from school if required. PLEASE WRITE NAMES ON!

PE (Physical Development)



FS1 children will have PE built into daily activities (No formal PE kit needed at the moment)

FS2 children will have PE on a MONDAY afternoon.

Please bring a PE kit and leave in school throughout the half term in case there are any extra opportunities throughout the week. Please label **all** items as it is very easy for them to get mixed up. PE sessions will be indoors as well as our usual free flow access to our outdoor area.

PE Kit required:

- White t-shirt Navy/Black shorts
- Plimsolls PE bag Spare socks (especially for girls that wear tights)

Dough Disco

FS1 and FS2 have a daily 'dough disco' using playdough and children learn a range of actions (doughnut, sausage, nip and tuck, splat, pizza, diver, roll, squeeze, piano and 'free style') to build up muscles in their hands ready for writing and fine motor skills. This a fun time at the start of each day and many of the older children will happily show you the actions if you have some play dough at home!

Homework

More information to follow once children are settled with all their activities in school and not too tired by their new school routines.



Spare clothes

Please include a spare change of pants and socks/tights in your child's school/book bag in case of any little accidents.

If you have any further questions I am available on the playground every morning and most afternoons.

Many thanks, Miss Hatter. 4/9/19

Early Reading and Read Write Inc Parents/Carer Workshop

I would like to attend the above workshop in the Autumn Term YES NO

Please circle time preferred:

Tuesday morning 9:05 - 9:35

Wednesday afternoon 2:55- 3:25

Pupil name: _____

Please return to FS staff by Friday 13th September.

☺ Please record anything you would like to focus on (if you wish):