



Curriculum Letter



Foundation Stage 2 – Autumn Term 1

Our Learning Journey this half term is:



Happy, Healthy Me!

Hello everyone and welcome to Birley Primary Academy and the second part of the Foundation Stage. We are really excited to be working with you on the next part of your child's learning.



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These curriculum letters are a way of sharing with you what we will be learning in school. As the children settle into school we will get to know each other, play together and find out what each child can do. These initial assessments will help us plan what to teach the children next.

For their first term, the children will spend time learning about what makes us happy and healthy! As part of our work we will be finding out about each other and what makes us happy. We will then continue this by thinking about ways to keep healthy through what we eat, how we exercise and the importance of sleep.

Routines:

It is our normal routine that a password is used when an adult we don't recognise is collecting a child. It can take our staff a few weeks to begin to recognise everyone so please be patient with us. We would appreciate you letting us know if anyone other than a known adult is picking a child up. Passwords **must** be used in these cases.

Maths

We will begin our number work by continuing the counting that they have started in nursery. We will be looking at patterns and numbers. We will be working on numbers 0 to 5. We will be making the amount and matching it to the numeral. We will learn what is one more and one less than the number. We will be learning how it can be represented pictorially. We will be trying to write them down. We will also begin to look at simple shapes and name them (circles, triangles, squares, rectangles).



Literacy

We will begin by taking part in our new Phonics lessons, paying attention to the letters of the alphabet in a special order that is determined by a government scheme called 'Letters and Sounds'. We will keep you informed of the letter sounds we have taught at school so that you can help at home.

We will read some class books as part of our Literacy work, linked to our topic and use these to guide our teaching. Children will start to learn key words and read their first reading books.

As mark-makers and writers, the children will begin / continue to learn to write their name and some of the letters we learn in phonics. If your child can already do this we will support them in their next learning steps.



PE

In the coming weeks children will begin their very first PE lessons. Children will need to have their PE kit in school each week. Your child will need a T-shirt (in their house team colour) which can be purchased from one of the recommended suppliers. Your child will also need a pair of black shorts and some plimsolls (pumps) in which to do indoor PE.

An outdoor kit is not required. The children have PE throughout the week so please make sure



your child has their kit all week in case it is needed. Please note that no jewellery can be worn and should be removed at home. We will be letting you know which days we have PE at the start of the term.

Supporting your child at home:

Read with your child daily and let them see you read.

Support your child to write their name using accurate letter formation. The first letter should be a capital letter and all the others lower case. Link reading and writing by making a shopping list and reading it together as you go round the shops.

Practise counting objects and recognising numbers of personal significance. If your child can do this begin to work with number to 10.

You can help by: asking your child to count the bananas in the fruit bowl, counting the steps you take as you walk etc. You could spot some shapes in the local area such as the square window, the rectangle door.



Talk to your child about keeping healthy: keeping clean, eating healthy food, exercise and the importance of sleep.

**We look forward to seeing you all in
September.**