

Foundation Stage 2 Curriculum Newsletter

Welcome to Birley Primay Academy

Hello everyone and welcome to school 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.

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.

Our class teachers are:

Mrs Elliott



Mr Exley



Miss Salisbury



End of Day Passwords

It is part of our safeguarding procedure 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.

Our topics in the Autumn Term

Me and My Family

During the first half of the Autumn Term we will be learning about ourselves and how we stay healthy. We will think about ways to keep healthy through what we eat, how we exercise and the importance of sleep. We will also be thinking about our past and the things we remember doing. We will think about our

Celebrations

During the second half of the Autumn Term we will be learning about the celebrations that we and others have. We will begin with Bonfire Night, before learning about Diwali, Hannukah and finally Christmas. We will also have a mini-topic week looking at the 'Changing Seasons' where we will be

families and the people in them such as brothers, sisters, parents and grandparents.

noticing the changes in the natural world around us.

Maths

We will begin our maths work learning about numbers 0, 1, and 2. Then we will move onto numbers to five and then 10. We will be learning to count an amount accurately and matching it to the numeral. We will be learning to find the total of two groups of objects by counting all of them. We will be using maths in everyday situations such as lining up (first, second, third) or knowing when it is lunch time (12 o'clock).



Literacy

We will begin by taking part in phonics lessons. We will be learning the names and sounds of the letters of the alphabet. We will be learning some tricky words and learning to blend the sounds of letters together to read words. We will be reading lots of books as part of our Literacy work, linked to our topic and simply for the love of a good story. Children will learn to hold a book and turn the pages from front to back. They will be able to read simple words and sentences containing the letter sounds they have learnt. As writers, children will be learning to write their name and the letters we learn in phonics. Letters need to be formed correctly. Later in the term they will be writing words and simple sentences using the sounds they hear in the words.



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 each class has PE at the start of the term.



Supporting your child at home:

Read with your child daily and let them see you read (newspaper, book, magazine). 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 counting up to 10 saying each number in order. You can help by: asking your child to count the bananas in the fruit bowl or counting the steps you take as you walk. You could spot some shapes in the local area such as the square window or the rectangle door. Talk to your child about keeping healthy: keeping clean, eating healthy food, exercise and the importance of sleep. You could talk to your child about the people in your family such as aunts, uncles, and grandparents.



We look forward to seeing you all in September.