

Foundation Stage Newsletter



Autumn 2 2018



First half term completed!

We hope that your child has settled well into Broughton Fields and have enjoyed their first term as a member of Foundation. Every member of staff is extremely proud of the progress the children have made this half term. They have all settled in really well and are proving themselves to be a lovely bunch of children to join the Broughton Fields family.

Foundation Team:

Foundation Area Leader - Mr Killick

Caterpillar Class Teachers - Mrs Walsh (Monday - Thursday)

Mrs Baker (Wednesday pm and Friday)

Chestnut Class Teacher - Mrs Ellis

Nursery Nurses - Miss Whitmee, Miss Eastaff and Miss Farmer

Teaching Assistant - Miss Mitchell

PE Teacher - Mr Simmons



Supporting reading at home:

- * Ensure you are reading or story telling with your child on a daily basis. Please remember to complete your child's reading record to take part in the reading raffle.
- * Practise the words on the red bookmarks you are getting sent home. Your child's teacher will assess your child every now and then and give them a new bookmark when they are ready to move to the next bookmark.

Daily Routine

In Foundation Stage, we open our doors to begin school at 8.40am. It is important that your child is prompt to school as learning begins at 8.50am. Therefore, we will close the school gates at 8.45am.

In the afternoon, the children leave school at 3.00pm. Please ensure there is an adult waiting to pick up your child. If someone different will be picking up your child, please let your child's class teacher or the office know.

School Milk

Children under 5 are entitled to free milk at school. Once your child turns 5 you can pay for them to continue to receive milk.

In order for your child to receive milk each day you must register using the following link:



[http://
www.coolmilk.com/
parents/](http://www.coolmilk.com/parents/)

Important Dates

November: Our value is Care

Wednesday 14th - Parents' Evening
(3:30pm - 7pm)

Friday 16th - Children in Need

Wednesday 21st - Parents Evening
(3:30pm - 5pm)

Thursday 22nd - Christmas Shopping Evening
(6:30pm - 8:30pm)

Monday 26th - Flu Immunisation

December: Our value is Peace

Friday 14th - Foundation Christmas Performance
(more details to follow)

Thursday 20th - Christmas Fair (2pm)

Friday 21st - Headteacher's Treat

Christmas Holidays:

Monday 24th December - Friday 4th January

First Day of Spring 1:

Monday 7th January 2019



English:

In Foundation, the children will be learning the story of the Gingerbread Man. We will be introducing the story by making gingerbread before learning the story using puppets, actions and drawing story maps. Once we know the story we'll change some simple elements e.g. the characters, to make it our own and finally will try to invent our own gingerbread man style story. We will begin to write labels and keywords for the story as well as some simple sentences and will continue to develop our use of story language and phrases.

Each week, your child will also continue to work as a class to orally invent their own story from scratch.



Maths:

In maths we will continue working on early number skills, initially with numbers to 5, then to 10. These skills will include; recognising small amounts without the need to count, e.g. recognising 5 fingers, or 5 on a dice, ordering numbers, equality (e.g. 4 is the same as, $2 + 2$ or $3 + 1$) and counting on.

At home, continue to practise counting different objects and forming the numbers and finding out what happens when you add or take away 1 from a set of objects. When you feel your child is ready, begin to think about pairs of numbers that can be added to make numbers to 5.



PE

We recommend that all children continue to have their PE kits in school from Monday to Friday, in case we need to change the timetable.

For health and safety reasons, it is important that all children wear the correct clothing for PE and jewellery is kept to one pair of studs only, which will be covered by tape. If your child gets distressed by having their earrings covered by tape, please remove their earrings on PE days.



Foundation PE days are: Monday and Tuesday

Please ensure that all school uniform and PE kit is labelled with your child's name.



Wellies

As the weather gets worse, we would also encourage you to leave wellies in school throughout the week.



Over the last two weeks, Mr Killick has been assessing the children's phonic knowledge.

After half term, the children will start RWI sessions in ability groups in order to support their individual needs.

At home, continue to practise the sounds with your children and encourage your child to blend sounds together to say words.

For example: You say: /c/ /a/ /t/ Child says: 'cat'

You could create flashcards for each of the sounds and practise putting them together to make and read words.

This link will give you more information about pronouncing the sounds accurately.

<http://www.ruthmiskin.com/en/resources/sound-pronunciation-guide/>

Library Books



Next half term, the children will visit the school library and will be bringing home a library book each week. Please make time to read and discuss the book with your child. If your child needs to change their library book, please ensure they bring it in their book bag on the following days:

Caterpillar Class - Monday

Chestnut Class - Wednesday