

Guildhall Feoffment Community Primary School

Reception Year- Autumn 1

This term we extend a very warm welcome to our new children and their families to school. We will be helping the children to settle quickly into school life to enable them to make friends and feel confident and secure in our setting.

Thank you to those of you who invited us into your homes for home visits. It was a pleasure to spend time with you and your families, getting to know you and discussing how things work in Early Years.

In light of the new Early Years Curriculum, we will be focusing on getting to know all the interests and strengths of the children and will be using these alongside our topics to plan activities to help the children to continue upon their learning journey. We will be sharing some of our favourite stories with the children and later we will begin to think about the seasonal changes that take place as we move in to autumn. Towards the end of the year, we will find out about some festivals and celebrations that are celebrated around the world.

Personal Social and Emotional Development and Communication and Language

We will be supporting the children to;

- make new friendships
- remember the new rules and routines
- share and take turns and develop good listening skills
- listen to stories, songs and nursery rhymes and play games to help to develop awareness of rhyme



Understanding the World

We will learn about our immediate environment and will look for seasonal changes. We hope to enjoy walks within the local environment to look for signs of Autumn.



Mathematics

We will be singing number rhymes and learning to recognise numerals to 5 and beyond. We will practise showing the correct number of fingers to represent a number and learn strategies for carefully counting objects to ensure accuracy



Expressive Arts and Design

We will be experimenting with drawing, painting and model making trying out new materials and skills to develop our imaginations and our fine motor skills.



Physical development

Early Years is the perfect place for children to further develop their gross motor skills by making large movements in the outdoor classroom. Some activities may include

- making obstacle courses,
- using the ride on toys
- making large movements with chalks and paintbrushes to build up the children's all round strength.

We will also be focusing on the children's fine motor skills by using and exploring;

- tweezers
- playdough
- writing tools
- scissors (with safety and care)

We will be encouraging the children to use a 'tripod grip' when holding pens and pencils.



Year R staff

Hedgehog Class

Miss Hewett
Mrs Viniski
Supported by
Miss Taylor
Mrs White
Mrs Gillingham

Squirrel Class

Mr Yaxley
Supported by
Ms Edwards
Mrs Gutierrez

Useful websites

www.oxfordowl.com - this website is packed with expert advice, top tips and activity ideas so you can help your child

with reading and maths.

www.phonicsplay.com - this website provides online games and activities to develop phoneme recognition, blending and segmenting.

Most of you have already signed up to Class Dojo. We will be keeping you updated with all the different things we are doing, and this platform is the best method to keep us updated too. Send us a message and we will try our best to answer it. We try to keep to office hours so we don't bombard you with information, but we will get back to you as soon as possible. We ask that you please respect office hours also. Alternatively, you can ask one of the Early Years Team at either drop off or pick up.

How can you help at home?

- Sharing books and reading to your child as regularly as possible helps to develop early reading skills and increase vocabulary.
- Talking to your child... all the time, everywhere, about everything that is happening, is invaluable for developing so many areas of learning and communication. Be prepared for lots of 'why?' questions and enjoy explanations about what is happening.
- Being able to get dressed - it is so important for your child to be able to do this independently. This will help them feel confident when getting changed for PE after October half term.
- The muscles we use for writing and drawing need training and developing in the same way that other muscles need training for football or running. Look up finger gym activities for some fun things to do at home.

Reading books- Next week your child will bring home a Little Wandle wordless book, a library book and a reading record. Please share the Little Wandle book with your child at least three times a week, and record it in their reading record.

PE will be on Thursday mornings. Please leave your child's PE kit at school all term. Thank you.

Autumn term dates Key dates for your diary

Parents Evening week - W/C 21st
October

Phonics information session- date to be confirmed

Parent sessions

Rainbow Welly walk- date to be confirmed

Adventure book club- date to be confirmed