

Farnborough Primary School

TERM ONE



Overview of Topics

All About Me - we will focus on new school life, friends and family, and rules to keep us safe and happy.

People Who Help Us - we will be learning about the people who help us in our local community

Early Years Foundation Stage



Visits

- We are planning visits from the Orpington Fire Brigade, the police, a local vet and our very own School Crossing lady.
- If you have a job that would fall into the 'People Who Help Us' category and would be willing to come and talk to the children please do let us know!



Literacy

This term we will be focussing on learning our basic sounds and blending these together to form words so that we can start to learn to read.

We will also be practising to hold a pencil using the correct grip, initially through copying patterns and then moving on to learning how to form letters correctly.

Key Skills Covered

In Reception we will be focussing on skills such as:

- Sounding and blending
- Pencil grip
- Writing our name
- Letter formation
- Writing simple CVC words and attempting simple sentences

Reading

We have daily story telling sessions —if your child has a favourite story they would like to share with the class please do send it into school for us to read. We also plan to launch our Drop Everything and Read afternoon this term.

Role Play and Speaking and Listening

The children have a Role Play area in the classroom and a huge Dressing Up box and a stage area outside to provide lots of opportunities in this area.



ICT



In Reception we visit the ICT Suite on a weekly basis. Initially we will be focussing on using the mouse and completing some simple tasks on the 2Simple programme.
The children also have the opportunity to explore various other programmes on the two computers in the classroom.

Mathematics

This term we will aim to give the children a thorough understanding of number to 10, and then to 20. We will also look at shape, pattern and measuring.



Understanding the World

There will be lots of opportunity for the children to make sense of their physical world and their community through our topic 'People Who Help Us' and our visits to Forest School.



Outdoor Learning



Access to the outside learning area is provided to the children on a daily basis. Here they have the opportunity to explore on a larger scale with the Mud Kitchen, the stage and dressing up box, a large construction area, water play and sand, bikes and scooters, as well as a gardening and digging area.

Forest School

Forest School will start after half term and will take place on a Monday afternoon. Please ensure that the red waterproofs and a pair of named wellington boots are in school before this date.



Physical Development

In Reception we start the day with a 5 a Day session - this is a music and movement programme. The children also have a weekly P.E lesson. This term we will focus on listening skills and following instructions using the Sticky Kids music and dance programme and then move onto some apparatus work.



Communication and Language

This is a key area of development in the Early Years curriculum. The children are encouraged to develop their speaking skills through Circle Time sessions, role play activities, story time and general discussion with both their peers and the adults in the classroom. We will also encourage the children to talk about anything you communicate via Parent's Voice so please keep these forms coming!

Expressive Art and Design

The children will explore and play with a wide range of media and materials and be provided with lots of opportunities to develop their imagination.



Music

We are lucky to have Jessica Rabin, a music specialist from BYMT working with us for the first half term.



After this we will be focussing on learning our songs for our Christmas Nativity Performance.

PSHE

Settling In

To settle the children into their first year at school we will spend time discussing the class rules and our behaviour management system. We will also have a weekly Circle Time to encourage the children to talk about their thoughts and feelings.

General Notices and Dates

Meet the Teacher / Phonics Workshop
Wednesday 4th October 9.00am / 9.30am
Parent s' Evening
Wednesday 18th October, 3.30 – 7.00pm
Thursday 19th October, 3.30 – 6.00pm
Reception and Year 1 Christmas
Production—Wednesday 6th / Thursday 7th December 1.45pm

Support at Home

It would be fantastic if you could support your child by reading to them regularly at home and encouraging them to complete any homework activities as independently as possible.

