

# Farnborough Primary School

## Autumn Term



### Overview of Topics

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

**Dinosaurs** - we will be learning all about the different types of dinosaurs, when they lived and what they ate

**Celebrations** - Harvest, Diwali, and Christmas.

### Early Years Foundation Stage



### Literacy

This term we will be focussing on learning our basic sounds (Phase 2) and blending these together to form words so that we can start to learn to read. We will then go onto learn phase 3 sounds before the end of term.

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
- Fine Motor Skills and 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 do let us know and we will see if we have the book in school so that we can read it to the class.

### 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.





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## ICT



In Reception we will start to use a number of tablets. The tablets have a selection of educational apps to support with their learning. The children also have access to the various games on a programme called Busy Things.

## Mathematics

This term we will aim to give the children a thorough understanding of numbers to 5. We will also look at sorting, comparing groups, repeating patterns and identifying 2D shapes.



## Understanding the World

There will be lots of opportunity for the children to make sense of the world around them and their local community through our topic ' All About Me ' and our weekly visits to Forest School after half term.



## 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 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 Wednesday afternoon. Please ensure that the red waterproofs ( in a named bag ) 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 on a Friday. This term we will focus on listening skills and following instructions and yoga.



## 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 which we will be sending out soon.

## 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 will focus initially on our daily songs, clapping games and making musical instruments. We also have a weekly music lesson.



After this we will be 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

**Phonics Workshop** - Wednesday 28th September  
**Reading Workshop**—Wednesday 5th October  
**Maths Workshop**—Thursday 12th October  
**Meet the Teacher**—Thursday 13th October—9am  
**Parents; Evening**— w/c 28th November  
**Reception Nativity** - Wednesday 14th December  
**Autumn Term Ends**—Wednesday 21st December  
**Spring Term Begins**—Thursday 5th January

## 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.

