



Early Years
Foxyards Primary School
Curriculum newsletter
Summer Term 2018

At Foxyards we:
Respect everybody and our environment.
Aim high in everything we do.

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Welcome back to all our children, parents and carers, we hope you all had a fantastic Easter break. We can't believe it is already the summer term, it doesn't seem two minutes since we were wiping tears in September! Although our Summer term is always exciting and busy it can also be a little sad as the children realise it is time to move to the next year group. If you do find your child becomes unsettled or worried about moving up please come and speak to a member of the team, our door is always open.

As always thank you for your continued support.

Mrs K Billington

Personal, Social and Emotional

In **Nursery** we will be building our children's confidence so they are happy to talk to others as they play and form good relationships with other children and the staff. We will also be focusing on emotions not just how we feel but how our actions can sometime have a positive or negative impact on our friends - very tricky when you are only 3!

We also have a lot of children preparing to move to our Reception so we will be supporting these children.

In **Reception** we will be working towards the ELG's. The children will develop their confidence when talking about their own ideas in a familiar group and to choose the resources they need for their chosen activities. They will learn how to adjust their behaviour to different situations, taking changes of routine in their stride, and show sensitivity to others' needs and feelings, forming positive relationships with adults and other children. We will also be supporting the children as they start their transition into Year One.

Communication and Language

During the summer term we will be sharing lots of well-known stories and rhymes and will continue to ask lots of questions to help us find out new things.

In **Nursery** we will be listening to others in small groups and talking about the stories and rhymes we hear. We will be responding to simple instructions and through our 'Let's Explore' topic we will begin to talk about 'how' and 'why' questions. In Nursery we will also be retelling simple events and using lots of talk in our imaginative play.

In **Reception** we will be listening to stories and anticipating what is going to happen next. We will also be talking about what we have heard. To help us with our topic 'Let's Explore' Reception will be asking lots of 'how' and 'why' questions. We will be talking about what has happened in the past and what is going to happen and we will be telling each other stories. Don't forget to keep reading at home. Our themes this term will be dinosaurs, jungles, space, pirates and under the sea.

Physical Development

This term our sports coach, Mr Atkins, will be working with our **Morning Nursery** on a **Monday** morning and our **Afternoon Nursery** on a **Tuesday** afternoon. Our **Reception** children will work with Mr Atkins on a **Monday** and on a **Thursday**. Our focus this term will be athletics and ball games. All Reception children need a PE kit left in school and Nursery children need to come to Nursery dressed appropriately. Please remove earrings on PE days.

In **Nursery** we will continue working on our gross motor and fine motor control. We will be developing the movements needed to write different sounds, including drawing lines and circles, and working on our scissor control. Outdoors we will be throwing and catching large balls and moving in lots of different ways.

In **Reception** we will continue working with 'Scared' monkey and 'Brave' monkey to focus on our letter and number formation ready for Year 1. We will be working on our co-ordination and control when moving in a range of ways and will be focusing on the importance of exercise and diet. Some of us might even learn how to fasten buttons and tie shoe laces!

Literacy

This term in **Nursery** during phonics we will be focusing on initial sounds and when our older children are ready we will begin introducing phase 2 sounds. Through stories we will be working on recognising familiar words and signs and will talk about what has happened in the story. In our writing we will continue focusing on giving our marks meaning and we will be practicing writing our names.

In **Reception** during the summer term we will be assessing the children against Early Learning Goals (ELG) We will send some information about ways to help your child at home with their reading and writing. In school we will be focusing on reading simple sentences by using our phonics to work out unfamiliar words and we will talk about what we have read. In writing we will be using our phonics to write simple sentences which can be read by others and will be trying hard to remember our finger spaces, capital letters and full stops. In our phonics we will be working through phase 3 and phase 4 where we will learn new sounds and tricky words. Please remember to read and sign your child's reading diary as often as possible - we would like every child to achieve at least their gold this year! Our Nursery and Reception children are also part of our whole school Primary Writing Project which will develop the children's oral storytelling, use of story language and mark making and writing. Reception will be spending the first three weeks learning and retelling The Very Hungry Caterpillar.

We are all very impressed with how hard our children work in Literacy and how much progress they have made.

Mathematics

This term we will be developing our knowledge of number and shapes through lots of practical activities.

In **Nursery** We will be focusing on counting out and touch counting up to 10 objects and beyond and will move onto practically adding groups together and then taking away. We will be learning to recognise and write numbers up to at least 10. As well as numbers we will be naming and describing 2D shapes and making patterns using colours and shapes There will be lots of opportunity for us to explore capacity in our sand and water tray and lots of talking about the size and weight of different objects.

In **Reception** we will be assessing the children against Early Learning Goals (ELG) and we will send some information about ways to help your child at home with their maths. We will continue to work with numbers up to and beyond 20. We will be focusing on using a range of strategies when we are adding up or taking away as well as recording our number sentences. We will also be applying our maths knowledge to a range of problems which include doubling, halving and sharing. In shape, space and measures we will be focusing on the vocabulary we use to talk about 3D shapes, distance, size, money and time.

The children are all working so hard with their mathematics and even surprise us sometimes with what they know.

Understanding the World

Our topic this term is 'Let's Explore' and we will try to follow the children's interests as much as possible.

In **Nursery** there will be lots of opportunity for our children to talk about special events for their families and through imaginative play we will be thinking about different jobs and different ways of life. We will continue to develop our understanding of seasons and changes in our forest school area on a **Friday** and we will talk about the things that we see around us as well as thinking about how we can care for our environment.

The **Reception** children will also be exploring lots of different environments this term and will be talking about the different features we see. We will be focusing on dinosaurs, jungles & rainforests, space, pirates and under the sea. We will be comparing life in modern Britain with the lives of children around the world and will be thinking about different jobs and interests of people we know. Reception will continue to visit the Forest school area on a **Thursday** afternoon to learn about plants, wildlife and seasonal changes throughout the year. Please make sure your child brings appropriate clothing and footwear in a carrier bag for forest fun.

A big thank you to everyone who took part in our creative homework and made something for our forest area - We were all very impressed by what the children had created.

Expressive Art and Design

In **Nursery** this term we will be focusing on making purposeful choices when we use paints, chalks, crayons and different materials. Through our role play area we will retell well known stories and act out our own experiences with our friends. In our construction area we will be using a range of building materials to build houses, castles and whatever we can think of!

In **Reception** we will be applying all the skills that we have learnt over the year independently to create our own master pieces. We will continue to explore colour mixing but this term will focus on making different shades of colour. Through role play area we will focus on expressing ourselves through singing, dancing and drama and in our construction area we will be using large and small construction to build models and talk about what was successful and what was a challenge. During our music sessions this term we will be teaching the children to appreciate different types of music including funk and will be focusing on rhythm and beat.