

Welcome to Reception

Welcome to Reception (EYFS) We are looking forward to an exciting term exploring our topic 'All About Me'. In Reception we learn through teacher led and child led activities. During the day, there will be key whole class learning times for Phonics, Literacy, topic and Mathematics. The children will then work on a range of teacher-led and child-initiated activities. Homework In Reception the homework will be daily reading and phonics. Once a week your child will receive the sounds we have learnt that week. Please practice these sounds at home. This will support your child with reading and writing. Once a week your child's reading book will be changed. PE We take part in PE once a week and if the weather allows they will be outdoor sessions.

We will continue to use our outdoor area everyday. As the weather is getting colder and wetter, please provide a pair of named wellies. These will also be needed for our Forest Fun Fridays where we do all of our learning outside.

Spare clothes

Please can we ask that your child brings in some spare school uniform for any accidents. Please can you help us by making sure that all your child's clothes are clearly named and they have a clearly named water bottle — thank you.

School website

Please use our school website <https://www.kiwi.wilts.sch.uk/> for regular updates and copies of letters sent home

We hope you find this booklet useful. We are always happy to meet with you and discuss your child's progress over the year. Please feel free to come and speak to your child's teacher or schedule an appointment if you have any concerns. Thank you for your continued support to our school.

Many thanks,
The EYFS Team

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Kiwi Primary School

CURRICULUM INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Reception
Autumn Term 1
2023

'All About Me'



Expressive Arts and Design

We will Join in with songs connected to our topic. We will join in with role play games and imaginative small world play. We will use different tools and media to create artwork and have opportunities to work together to develop creative ideas. We will be using paint to create self portraits .

We will build models using both construction equipment and recycled materials. We will also draw a self-portrait and observational drawing connected to our learning theme.

Personal and Social Development

Self Regulation

This term We will be learning about ourselves and our feelings. we will be looking at our class rules and routines and our school code of 'Ready, Respectful and Safe'. We create a class charter and will agree on what this will look like in our classrooms. We will also think about what makes school a good place to be and how we can all learn and play together.

Managing Self

We will be looking closely at how to keep ourselves clean and healthy, starting with the importance of handwashing and brushing teeth twice daily.

Building Relationships

We will begin to build relationships with teachers and peers and will think about 'who and what can help me if I am finding something tricky?'

Communication and Language

We promote and encourage children to use their words alongside signs and symbols in order to communicate effectively, including responding to questions such as "Good Morning, how are you today?"

We will be learning new routines for school, including putting our things away properly. Children will begin to learn why it is important to listen to each other and to be able to follow instructions at school. We will learn to wait our turn so everybody can be heard. We will be using talk to connect our ideas and to explain our experiences to our friends and we will also be using talk in our imaginative play.

Physical Development

Gross Motor

We will learning to play co-operation games using equipment such as bats and balls and a parachute. We will be climbing on outdoor equipment and using the outdoor classroom to develop our skills. In PE we will be exploring different ways of moving.

Fine Motor

We will be threading, cutting, weaving, and using playdough to develop our muscles. We will learn how to draw lines and circles and how to hold pencils and paintbrushes correctly and use them effectively.

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Knowledge and Understanding of the World

Past and Present

We will learn about different birthday celebrations and share past experiences of these. We will think about how we have changed from being a baby to starting school.

People, Cultures and Communities

We will be identifying our families, naming who they are and of what relation they are to them. We will talk about what we do with our families and where we have been with them and make comparisons between other families.

The Natural World

We will learn about Autumn and harvest and collect natural treasure and use it in our learning environment. We will also learn about hibernation.

Mathematics

This term in maths, we will be getting to know the children first to find out what they already know. We will then be learning about matching and sorting, comparing amounts, comparing size, mass and capacity and exploring patterns.

Literacy

Comprehension

We will begin to listen and retell familiar stories with repeated refrains. We will predict and discuss the events and begin to give opinions and explain why we enjoy reading them. We will sequence familiar stories through the use of pictures and begin to understand the five key concepts about print: - print has meaning - print can have different purposes - we read English text from left to right and from top to bottom - the names of the different parts of a book.

Word Reading

In our Phonics sessions, we will be learning Phase 2 sounds from Little Wandle Phonics. We will be learning to recognise graphemes and pronounce the phonemes correctly. We will also be learning how to blend and segment words. Once we can blend words using the sounds learnt we will begin to read books that are consistent with our phonic knowledge.

Writing

We will be giving meaning to the marks that we make and write for a purpose within our play. We will be learning how to write letter shapes and begin to write words using our phonic knowledge. We will also be learning how to write our names.

Enrichment Activities

This term, we will be focusing on settling into our new class. We will be visiting our local church for Harvest Festival and we will also be visiting the forest area weekly for Friday Forest Fun where we will continue our learning.

Homework

We will send phonic flashcards to practise at home and will send books home to be read daily.