

Notes from Early Years Curriculum Meeting

What happens during our day –

- Welcome Time (children in their own classes)
- Chatterbox Time (Speaking and listening time)
- Wake and Shake
- Discovery Time (Play based learning across both classrooms and outside)
- Maths (Group based)
- Lunchtime
- Phonics (Group based)
- Discovery Time
- Sparkle Time (Key person time – leaflet to follow)
- Story Time

Maths and Phonics –

Maths and Phonics are taught in small groups and are active and play based as much as possible. In Maths we focus on ensuring children have a solid understanding of basic number principles before moving on to application in fun and practical ways. We will also be covering basic shape, measure, time and money. In Phonics we follow the Letters and Sounds guidance, starting with a focus on listening games and sound discrimination. During the year writing is taught through play.

Tapestry –

During your child's Discovery Time observations are made of your child's learning, these are used to inform our planning and next steps. We will be sending you a date for an information evening where you will be given your account details and shown how to use tapestry. This will be early in the New Year. If you have yet to return your permission form please do so as soon as possible.

Reading Books –

Shortly your child will be bringing home a reading book. To begin with all children read 'lilac' picture books. These books have no words and we encourage children to make up their own stories. This is a really important skill which enables children to be successful readers later in life. As we progress through the year and when your child is ready they will bring home simple decodable books alongside these picture books. Please ensure reading books are kept in bookbags along with reading records (which you will receive at the same time) every day.

How can I help my child at home?

- Encourage independence; especially with dressing, undressing, zips, buckles and taking off jumpers
- Independent toileting
- Reading lots of stories to your child
- Encouraging physical and active play
- Ensuring they have a good nights sleep
- Helping them to recognise their own name

Some reminders –

- Please name everything, including socks and shoes!
- Remember to put a keyring on your child's bookbag
- Please ensure your child has waterproofs and wellies in school at all times (otherwise we have some upset children when it rains!)
- Please do not let your children use any of the outside equipment before or after school, in the past accidents have occurred and things have been broken.