

Broadhembury EYFS Autumn Term 2018

Mathematical Development

The children will have short daily maths inputs this term. These sessions will be teacher led and will help the children to understand the building blocks of early number. During the week, the children will be given many opportunities through unstructured and open ended play to explore what they have learnt during these guided sessions. If you can help them with counting objects (pennies, peas on a plate, cars etc) one at a time, this will enhance their understanding of counting and number. We will also look at exploring length, position and weight - as well as time, capacity and money as part of our learning.

In Early Years, we believe that children learn best when they choose where and how they would like to learn. As staff it is our role to observe and interact with the children, noticing the teaching opportunities and using them to progress the children's learning and develop their next steps. The majority of our resources are unstructured and open ended. This means that the children can use their own imaginations and ideas and that we are not dictating how or with what resources the children should be playing.

Our Role Play Areas are set up for the children in EYFS and KS1. Initially these will be as a garage to house our new balance bikes in our outdoor area. Our indoor area is set up as a home area in which the children can act out scenarios which are familiar to them.

Speaking, Listening, Reading and Writing
From September, the children will have daily phonics sessions and will begin to bring home reading books. They will also be exposed to a variety of books, stories and songs daily. Through circle times and interest led learning, the children will have opportunities to listen to their peers and to offer their thoughts and opinions. The children will have opportunities in every aspect of their learning to develop their early writing skills and will have a daily activity to advance and refine their fine motor skills. There are opportunities for mark making in all areas of the environment both inside and out.

Understanding the World

It is important for the children to settle into Class 1 and get to know the other children and adults around them. The children will be given lots of opportunity to talk about their lives and families. Your child will become the 'focus child' for the week a couple of times each term which is a lovely opportunity for us to meet and talk about what your child enjoys out of school, and for us to then be able to implement this into their learning in school. The children will also have time to work on their Good Samaritan Award – more details to follow.

THE VISIT/VISITOR

Fire Brigade
Experience

Physical Development

We encourage the children to use both our indoor and outdoor learning areas whatever the weather and we have all-in-one overalls to protect the children and their clothing. Our outdoor area has a sand pit, crates, tyres, big building blocks, balance bikes a trampette and so on which allow the children to develop and refine physical skills as well as skills of team work, collaboration and problem solving. The children will take part in our weekly PE session at the village hall later in the term.

Understanding of Faith Belief and Cultures

Our theme this term is celebrations across the world and in different faith groups. We will be investigating Harvest as well as Bonfire Night and continuing our Good Samaritan Challenges – watch out for them coming home soon. Central to all of our thinking will be our British Values as well as our Christian Values.

In RE, we will be celebrating festivals and marking special days from the world around us. We will be thinking about why God is special to Christians and developing our ideas through singing, craft and messy play. We will also be using our time to think about being responsible and thinking about our actions.

Please look at the Good Samaritan information and choose some of the independent challenges to try at home – more details to follow.

Expressive Art & Design

Being expressive is an individual thing. As such, the children will be given ample opportunity to express themselves in whatever way they wish to. In addition to their own interests, the children will have the opportunity to take part in many other activities during this term. The children will learn how to use our 'Mighty Writer' to tell stories as well as being shown how to help themselves to our self-service painting station and craft station. We have a variety of small world and role play areas as well as a super mud kitchen. The children will have regular opportunities to bake, cook and taste food and we will begin this by making a Harvest Loaf for our Harvest celebration. Later in the term, we will begin to rehearse our school Nativity Play in which all children

Technology and ICT

Your child will be given a login to use our Bug Club which is an on-line reading scheme. It is designed for all year groups and is great fun for the children, whilst helping them to develop their reading skills. Have a look at <https://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk/login?c=0> and watch out for the login coming home with more information.