

Curriculum Information for Parents

Year R – Autumn Term 1 2023

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

This term we will be supporting the children with settling into school routines at Fryern and building relationships with friends and adults. This will include; developing their independence, making and looking after friends and exploring how to work well together.

Physical Development

We will be developing the children's core strength, stability, balance and coordination. We will be introducing fine motor activities to support their hand-eye co-ordination in preparation for effective pencil grip.

Communication and Language

Our focus will be learning how to be a good listener and speaker. This will include exploring a range of vocabulary and using it ourselves in context.

We have a series of informal workshops planned aimed at providing you with ideas for supporting your child at home. The session will run from 2:00pm to 3:00pm and the dates are as follows:

Friday 22nd September – Reading and Phonics

Friday 29th September – Fine and Gross Motor skills

Friday 6th October – Communication / PSED

Friday 13th October – Number

Friday 20th October – Mark making and Drawing Club

Marvellous Me

Our learning during this unit will include...

Other Information

It's been wonderful getting to know your children and it's lovely to see how happy and settled they are.

PE

Year R PE will take place after half term. More correspondence to follow.

Snacks

You are welcome to provide a healthy nut-free snack each day in addition to the fruit snack that will be provided in school. If you are providing your child with a snack, please can it be in a named snack pot. Please ensure that your child brings a named water bottle to school, which contains water. No squash please.

Belongings

A gentle reminder to please make sure everything is clearly marked with your child's name as this makes reuniting lost items easier.

Suggestions to help your child at home...

- Try to learn a new nursery rhyme every week!
- Encourage your child to dress themselves independently especially fastenings so they will be able to do up their own coats, cardigans and shoes.
- Support your child to recognise their own name so they are able to identify their belongings independently.

Literacy

Throughout the year, children will be exposed to a range of stories. Opportunities will be provided to demonstrate their understanding of what has been read to them by retelling stories using their own words and recently introduced vocabulary.

Soon the children will be beginning to have their formal phonics lessons. Within these sessions, we will follow a systematic routine, which will allow your child to make connections between the letters that they see and the sound they make.

They will then use these skills to sound out and blend words whilst reading. Your child will receive a new book twice a week (Tuesday and Friday).

These books will be in line with our phonics programme. We encourage them to read their books at home regularly to help build confidence and fluency.

Children will be mark making in a range of areas to record their thoughts and ideas. We will encourage the children to talk about their work and what their marks represent.

Maths

We will have lots of fun exploring how to recognise and count numbers through games and rhymes to gain a deeper understanding of the composition of each number.

Understanding the World

We will be talking about the lives of the people around us, looking at and describing our environment and recognising similarities and differences over time.