

Foundation Stage 2 Curriculum overview for parents/carers

Spring Term 2



QUEENSMEAD PRIMARY ACADEMY

Literacy

- *To write a short, simple sentence including a verb, capital letter and full-stop.
- *Twice, daily phonic sessions as well as keep up sessions.
- * 3 x guided reading sessions and 1:1 reading
- *Form all letters of the alphabet correctly.
- *To begin to write phase 3 tricky words (was, you, they, pure, sure, my, by all, are).
- *Read fluently simple sentences.

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

All about me, my relationships & new beginnings

- *Continue to be independent- fastening own coat, choosing activities, putting things away in their book bag etc...
- *To Learn and use strategies to manage their own negative feelings.
- *To think about the perspective of others.
- *To continue to share and make firm friendships

Mathematics

- *Recognise numerals to 20 and order
- *Recite numbers to 0-20 forwards and back.
- *Number bonds to 5 including subtraction facts
- *Use everyday language used to measure length, weight and capacity.
- *Explore time- days of the week, today, yesterday, etc...

Physical Development

- *To balance using equipment e.g benches-balance beams- A frames.
- *To jump and land safely off equipment.
- *Develop fine motor skills, pencil control and letter formation.
- * To be increasingly independent tying own shoelaces and putting in hair clips and bobbles.

Brilliant Braunstone

This title will provide the stimulus for your child's integrated Foundation Stage Curriculum this term. They will be able to play and explore, take part in active learning, create and think critically.

Expressive Arts & Design

- *To investigate cutting different materials
- *Explore different ways to temporarily join materials together.
- *Explore pitch during discrete music sessions
- *Use voice to show different emotions through pitch

Communication and Language

- *Explore the differences between fruits and vegetables using their senses (taste, texture, smell etc.).
- *Listen to the story 'The best pumpkin soup' and discuss the key ingredients the characters.
- *Develop a wider vocabulary – word detective
- *To use 'because' to develop their ideas.
- *To describe events that have happened to them in detail.
- *Listen to and talk about selected non-fiction to develop a deep familiarity with new knowledge and vocabulary.

Understanding the World

- *Explore the local community and understand why some places are special to other people.
- *Develop an understanding of the local area, places they can visit and their purpose.
- *Explore the special stories of Holi and Easter.
- *Begin to understand the way different festivals are celebrated in Leicester.

Learning to share at home

***Below are a number of activities that both you and your child could enjoy together allowing them to consolidate their learning by enforcing links between the classroom and the outside world.**

- Talk about and draw a map of one of your journeys to the shop/ a relative's house/ park, etc... How did you get there? What did you see?
- Count how many buses/trucks/bicycles/lorries/cars/rubbish trucks, etc.... pass your house. You can extend this by counting and recording different coloured cars and adding them together by 'counting on'.
- Ask your child what they know about Braunstone/ their local area. Share any information you may have with them.
- Look at a range of maps both paper copies and on the Internet. Can you find Queensmead? How does a map help us?
- Whilst out shopping, encourage your child to spot as many letter sounds as they can on logos and packaging. How many can they read?
- Look for numbers in the local environment on number plates, front doors, signage etc...
- Explore all the different ways to make 5. You could use buttons, pennies, pasta, fingers etc.
- Talk with your child about how animals and plants grown and change.

HOME LEARNING Spring 2 TERM FOCUS - Supporting your child's love of stories


*Share your child's 'Reading for Pleasure' book and complete the 10 minutes daily reading challenge

*Read to your child everyday

*Talk to your child about the characters and events within a story

*Visit the library

*Generate a list of your favourite stories, books you like to share together



Keep a lookout for...
Your child's new
eBook EVERY WEEK!

Dates for your diary

*Julia Donaldson Parent Event 2nd March 2:30pm

*World Book Day Friday 6th March.

*Walk around the local area Wednesday 11th March 1pm (parent volunteers needed).

*Comic Relief Friday 20th March

*Parent's evenings TBC

A LIST OF USEFUL WEBSITES FOR YOU TO USE AT HOME

Communication & Language/Literacy

http://www.familylearning.org.uk/phonics_games.html -Lots of simple sound recognition and cvc blending games.

<http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/ParentsMenu.htm> - Interactive phonics games – Phase 2 and 3

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/shows/bedtime-stories> - Bedtime stories read by a host of famous faces.

<https://www.worldbookday.com/families/> -Ideas of how you can celebrate World Book Day at home.

<https://www.education.com/games/word-patterns/> - Interactive phonic games

<https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/> - Website to help support parents with phonic skills at home.

<https://www.nhs.uk/start-for-life/toddler/learning-to-talk/learning-to-talk-3-to-5-years/> - Website to help support parents with communication at home.

Maths

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/shows/numberblocks?scrybrkr=0078073e> - Numberblocks

<https://whiterosemaths.com/homelearning> - Online videos and lessons

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/early-years/lets-compare> a fun measuring game

<http://www.coolmath-games.com/0-feed-fribbit-subtraction/index.html> - Reinforce number sentences and the use of – and = symbols

General

<http://www.topmarks.co.uk/Search.aspx?Subject=37> – A wide selection of activities for all areas of the curriculum.

http://www.learn4good.com/games/kids/quibifind_picture_matching.htm - This is another good game to help develop children’s memory skills.

<http://www.queensmead.net/> - The school official website

<https://thesparkarts.co.uk/spark-at-home> Creative ideas for the arts at home

Braunstone and Leicester

<https://www.Google.co.uk/maps/> - Google maps to explore the area around Braunstone

<http://www.visitleicester.info/visitleicester.aspx> - official website all about Leicester