

Foundation Stage 1 Curriculum overview for parents/carers

Autumn Term 1



QUEENSMEAD PRIMARY ACADEMY

Literacy

- *Begin to recognise their own name
- *Explore opportunities to make marks in different ways e.g drawing, painting
- * Join in with singing songs and rhymes
- *Listen to a range of simple stories
- *Learn to handle books carefully and learn that print has meaning

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

All about me, my relationships & new beginnings

- * Settle into their new school and take part in simple class routines.
- * Be able to separate confidently from their adult.
- * Begin to play with other children and chat to the adults in our class.
- * Learn how to look after each other and our classroom equipment
- *Begin to learn about their feelings through stories and discussions

Mathematics

- *To begin to recite numbers to 5 and beyond
- *To begin to sing counting songs; such as 1,2,3,4,5 once I caught a fish alive
- * To begin to count everyday objects in the classroom
- *Show some numbers on their fingers
- *Begin to recognise some numbers to 5

Physical Development

- * Use a range of big movements when exploring the outdoor area and activities.
- *Begin to develop skills to use our large climbing equipment.
- * Develop fine motor skills through use of various tools and materials e.g scissors, tweezers, play dough.
- *Understand the importance of simple hygiene routines e.g hand washing.
- *Grip pencils and tools confidently

Superhero Me!

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. These are the objectives that your child will be working on.

Expressive Arts & Design

- * Learn new rhymes and counting and action songs
- *Explore and experience a range of media such as paint, collage, print
- * Develop imaginative play through small world toys and playing together in the home corner
- * Begin to use a range of tools to produce simple shapes and pictures

Communication and Language

- *Listen to others in a small group
- *Listen to and begin to join in with simple rhymes and songs
- * Develop vocabulary and be exposed to new words
- * Have opportunities to talk to others about familiar topics at snack time e.g family, events, favourite toys
- *To listen to others, taking turns in conversations
- * Be encouraged to listen to and follow simple instructions in relation to class routines

Understanding the World

- * Become familiar with their new environment, begin to understand how to use the toys and where they belong
- * Begin to talk about friends and family
- * Begin to notice differences amongst their friend
- *Explore a range of materials with different properties

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.**

- Share a book with your child daily, making it a fun and special time. Encourage your child to tell you something they remember about the story.
- Encourage your child to look for numbers when you are out and about, e.g house numbers, numbers on buses.
- Provide regular opportunities for your child to count e.g when selecting sweets or biscuits, or counting steps when going upstairs.
- Encourage your child to make marks at every opportunity e.g by drawing a picture for a friend, writing their name in a birthday card, helping you with a shopping list, using chalks to draw on the path outside.
- Talk to your child about their school session – ask them who they played with, what they did etc.
- Encourage your child to recognise their name at every opportunity e.g write it on a card and stick it around the house.

HOME LEARNING AUTUMN TERM FOCUS - Communication and language

*Share the nursery rhymes with your child that we send home every fortnight.

*Talk to your child about their family and extended family.

*Share stories with your child and talk to them about who is in the story and what happens in the story.

*When out and about, talk to your child about what you can see and hear.

*If your child mispronounces a word repeat it back to them correctly.

*Play role-play games with your child such as schools, shops, hairdressers etc.

Dates for your diary

*Reading Workshop Thursday 1st October 11:00-11:45am

*Parent Evenings 14th & 15th October 2026

A LIST OF USEFUL WEBSITES FOR YOU TO USE AT HOME

Communication & Language/Literacy

<https://ictgames.com/mobilePage/soundsAround/oldcdn.html> - This is a great game to help children to name sounds around them.

www.starfall.com - This is a great website. Click on the 'Kindergarten' section for many F1 games, songs and learning.

www.topmarks.co.uk/Interactive.aspx?cat=38 - A great selection of literacy games to help develop early literacy skills. For F1 go onto Foundation, then stories, songs and rhymes

www.phonicsplay.com – Interactive phonic games

<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

<http://www.topmarks.co.uk/Parents/learning-numbers-through-play-number-recognition> - More number recognition games.

http://www.familylearning.org.uk/counting_games.html - A nice selection of simple counting activities.

<http://www.ictgames.com/counting.htm> - More counting activities.

<http://www.topmarks.co.uk/Interactive.aspx?cat=1> – A great selection of maths activities for all abilities.

http://www.familylearning.org.uk/shape_games.html - shape games

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/shows/numberblocks> - Numberblocks games and activities to support with all concepts of number.

<https://whiterosemaths.com/> - Online lessons to support mathematical development.

General

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

<http://www.crickweb.co.uk/Early-Years.html> - A wide selection of educational games suitable for foundation stage.

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.