

Foundation Stage 2 Curriculum overview for parents/carers

Autumn Term 2



Literacy

- *To continue to recognise and write their name (forename & surname).
- *Explore the characters, settings and main parts of stories.
- *Develop their awareness of rhyme and alliteration.
- *Twice daily phonic sessions, small group & whole class as well as booster sessions.
- *Begin to write labels and captions.

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

All about me, my relationships & new beginnings

- *Explore how to show kind and friendly behaviour
- *Continue to understand and follow class rules.
- *Talk about who is special to them and why.
- *Explore how to make new friends.
- *Consider why some children may find it difficult to make friends and how they can help them.

Mathematics

- *Recognise numerals to 10+.
- *Continue to develop counting skills, counting objects that can & cannot be moved.
- *Recite numbers to 10+.
- *Explore simple addition and subtraction using objects.
- *Develop language of measuring such as weight, capacity, length and height.

Physical Development

- *Explore the use of different equipment in PE.
- *Learn how to use equipment in PE, in the classroom and outdoors whilst keeping themselves and others safe.
- *Getting undressed and dressed independently for PE sessions.
- *Develop fine and gross motor skills.
- *Explore how we can look after ourselves through healthy eating and exercise.

Amazing Animals

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

- *Take part in singing and music sessions.
- *Create their own Diwali cards, divas and rangoli patterns
- *Make large-scale 2D & 3D resources for the Christmas performance and role play
- *Create their own Christmas decorations, cards
- * Rehearse songs, instruments and dances for the Christmas performance.

Communication and Language

- *Continue to develop listening skills.
- *Take part in discussions, small groups and whole class.
- *Explore stories & be exposed to new words and vocabulary.
- *Listen to them and ask questions to visitors.
- *Develop language skills through the exploration of role-play & small world areas.
- *Continue to learn more Makaton signs to support their communication with others.

Understanding the World

- *Explore how Diwali and Christmas is celebrated in Leicester and around the world.
- *Explore similarities and differences between what and how they celebrate and what and how others celebrate.
- *Exploring changes through cooking sessions and looking at seasons.
- *Develop mouse and touch pad control using the computers and laptops and navigate apps on the iPad.

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.**

- Look at how the environment changes as we move into Autumn and then into Winter and how we have to dress appropriately.
- Look out for achievement stickers coming home on jumpers and cardigans and 'Click and chats' in their bags.
- Look at numbers in the environment such as on road signs, house numbers, price tags etc.
- Continue to count objects by touch counting and ask your child to find out how many one more or one less would be eg. We have 4 apples, how many would we have if we had one more?
- Talk about what and how you celebrate at home, involve them in planning for Diwali, Christmas, Halloween, birthdays etc.
- Share books with your child along the theme of Diwali, animals and Christmas. There are many available to be loaned for free from your local library or book bus.

HOME LEARNING AUTUMN TERM FOCUS - Fine Motor Skills

- *Encourage your child to practice writing their name at home. Surname too when they have mastered their first name.
- *Practice their cutting skills using children's safety scissors.
- *Play with playdough, plasticine and other malleable materials such as slime.
- *Threading, you could use cut up straws, penne pasta, beads, cheerios, buttons or maybe punch holes in paper plates or leaves.
- *Sorting small objects (paper clips, coins, counters etc) by colour, shape or size.
- *Practice putting gloves on and zipping up their coat, even attempt to tie their shoes laces.
- *Putting hair bobbles in their hair.
- *Spreading butter or jam on toast.

Dates for your diary

- *Phonics workshop Monday 4th November 9am-10am
- *Trip to Twycross Zoo Wednesday 6th November
- *Parents evening Wednesday 6th and Thursday 7th November
- *Number workshop Wednesday 20th November 9-10am



Keep a lookout for more...

'Click and Chat' cards in
your child's book bags.

A LIST OF USEFUL WEBSITES FOR YOU TO USE AT HOME

Communication & Language/Literacy

<http://www.ictgames.com/rhymingRockets.html> - This is a great game to help children to learn how to rhyme.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/laac/words/dg3.shtml> - Another fun rhyming game for children to practise their skills.

http://www.lancsngfl.ac.uk/curriculum/literacy/lit_site/html/earlyyears/soundgames/soundgames.htm - A great game for children to try and distinguish the difference between sounds within the home.

http://www.ictgames.com/cvc_machine.html - this game is great for helping your child to blend sounds together. You can select the pattern (choose those with the letters we have been working on) and then the children have to read the word and click on the tick if it is a real word.

<http://www.crickweb.co.uk/assets/resources/flash.php?&file=cvcmaker> - This again is a great website for blending three letter words together.

<http://www.ictgames.com/machine> - a great site for blending again. Look at the picture in the machine and click on the correct word to match it.

www.starfall.com - This is a great website.

www.topmarks.co.uk/Interactive.aspx?cat=38 - A great selection of literacy games to help develop early literacy skills.

Maths

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/numbertime/games/index.shtml> - A variety of fun number recognition games to help your child learn number names.

<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.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks1/maths/shapes/play/> - Refresh your child's knowledge of 2D & 3D shapes.

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

General

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

<http://www.kenttrustweb.org.uk/kentict/content/games/> - A wide selection of educational games suitable for foundation stage.

<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.