

Bowfell Class

Autumn Term Overview

2018

EYFS/Year One

Nursery/Reception

Mathematics

- Numbers & Counting.
- Shape.

Literacy

- Phase 1/2 phonics - sound discrimination/initial letter sounds.
- Listening to stories.
- Retelling stories using props and small world equipment.
- Squiggle while you wiggle!
- Mark making/letter formation, name writing.

Physical Development

- Squiggle while you wiggle!
- Funky Fingers area with a weekly focus.
- Malleable area.
- Dough disco.
- Outdoor play.
- Painting/creative/ writing areas with activities linked to weekly theme.

Understanding the World

- 'Open the Book' & assemblies.
- Reflection time.
- Remembrance Day.
- Weather/seasons.
- Bonfire night.
- Harvest Festival.
- Nativity performance.

Communication and Language & Personal, Social & Emotional Development

- Phase 1/2/phonics.
- Weekly show & tell.
- Circle time.
- Snack time.
- Class rules.
- Nativity performance.

Expressive Arts & Design

- Creative area.
- Malleable area.
- Role-play area.
- Activities linked to weekly focus.

Reception/Year One

English/Literacy

- Phase 2/Phase 5 phonics.
- Weekly Phonics challenge area provision.
- Guided & individual reading.
- Lists, labels and captions.
- Stories by the same author - Julia Donaldson.
- Stories on a theme.
- Letters.

Maths

- Number.
- Addition and subtraction.
- Shape.
- Place value.
- Weekly Maths challenge area provision.

Art

- Exploring colour and pattern.

Music

- Singing.
- Exploring sound.
- Body percussion.

Science/ Knowledge & Understanding of the World

- 'Open the Book' & assemblies.
- Reflection time.
- Harvest Festival.
- Seasonal changes and weather.

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- Celebrations.
- Special places.

History/ Geography

- Seasonal and daily weather patterns.
- Gunpowder plot.
- Guy Fawkes.
- Bonfire Night.

PE/Physical Development

- Funky Fingers area with a weekly focus.
- Squiggle whilst you wiggle!
- Weekly PE lessons with Mrs Craggs and Mrs Haslam.
- Dough disco.

Welcome to Bowfell Class

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you have all had a lovely and restful summer break. Please find above information regarding our learning in Bowfell for the Autumn Term.



Reading books - FAO Reception/Year One

Reading books should be brought into school each morning and placed in the white labelled basket by the door. Reading books will be changed on **Tuesdays** and **Fridays** only. Please be mindful that it is not important how quickly your child reads a book or how many they read over the course of the week. Re-reading texts helps to improve fluency and comprehension and sharing story books from home and magazines/ comics is also a brilliant way of developing a lifelong love of reading. We encourage children to read 5 times each week, please make a short comment and sign your child's reading record each time they have read.

Reception children will begin to bring home reading materials over the next few weeks.

Morning routine

Please encourage your child to enter school as independently as possible. You can do this by allowing children to hang up their own coats/bags on their pegs, putting reading books in the basket and their book bag in the box themselves. Please also, where possible, encourage your child to write their name next to their lunch choice. Both year groups will have morning tasks/activities out each day to complete. Year One will complete their tasks on their table, Reception/Nursery children should look for their wooden name disc on one of the tables where their activities will be. Please encourage them to complete tasks as independently as possible and once they are settled and engaged it is often a good time to say goodbye and leave the classroom! We pride ourselves on our open door policy and enjoy welcoming you into the classroom, however it can get busy some mornings and we want to maintain our calm learning environment as much as possible. If you are

still in class when the bell rings, please can you ensure that you leave promptly so that we are able to continue with our morning routine.

PE

PE lessons this year will take place on a Wednesday morning and Thursday afternoon. If your child is in nursery on a Wednesday they will require a PE kit. Kits should be left on pegs and will be sent home at the end of each half term for washing. Please ensure that all uniform including PE kit and pumps are clearly labelled with your child's name.

Letters

On the shelf next to the door you will find a black box. Please use this for any slips/money that need to go to Mrs Coker in the office. Please do not hand them directly to staff.

Bowfell Class Pet

Please stay posted for updates on when our class pet - a very cute and friendly Syrian hamster will be making an appearance in Bowfell class!

Junk modelling

We would appreciate any donations of recycling such as tubes, boxes, plastic pots etc for our new junk modelling area which is proving to be a big hit with all the children this year.

Show and Tell

Show and Tell for Nursery children will take place on a Monday morning. This will begin from Monday 17th September. Please ensure that items for show and tell are in a bag and left on your child's peg on arrival at school. Further details about show and tell for Reception and Year One children will be sent home next week.

If you do have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to come and see us. Many thanks for your continued support.

Kind regards,

Mrs Haslam, Mrs Hayes and Mrs Matheson.

