



Monday 12th September 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

We would like to welcome you and your child to EYFS. We hope you have had an enjoyable summer holiday and would like to provide you with a little more information about the year ahead. During this term we will be working on several skills across the curriculum. Please see the topic map attached at the bottom of this letter for details of what we expect your child to achieve this term.

It has been lovely to meet the class this week and see all their smiley faces. They seem to have taken on the challenge of starting school in their stride and we are looking forward to continuing to build relationships with them. If you have not done so already, please do not forget to sign up for Cool Milk. This is free up until your child's 5th birthday. May we remind you that all children should have a named water bottle in school with water in it, so they have access to this during the school day. The children may have juice at lunchtime only. If your child brings a packed lunch, please make sure it is nut free.

Parental Involvement

We are excited to be holding our Open Mornings again this year. We will be having two this term on **Monday 17th October** and **Tuesday 22nd November**. The sessions will run from **8.50am** until **9.30am**. This is a chance for your child to share their learning with you. **Please note that the school gates will be locked at 9am, therefore you will have to exit through the Lower Way gate at the end of the session.**

Wellie Wednesday

Wellie Wednesdays will be on a three-week rotation; however, we will remain on site for at least the first half term. As always, we rely on parental support for activities, such as campfire cooking and exploring the lakes, to take place. We thank you in advance for donating your time. Wellie Wednesday sessions will take place every **Wednesday morning** unless you are notified otherwise. **Wellie Wednesday will begin on Wednesday 14th September.** The children can come to school in old clothes, with their school uniform in a named bag. Your child will also require named wellies and waterproofs to enable them to participate in all of the fabulous outdoor learning opportunities such as our sandpit and mud kitchen. Now is a good time to check that your child's uniform is clearly labelled.

P.E and Library Sessions

We will be having our library sessions on a Tuesday afternoon. Please ensure that your child's library book is in school every Tuesday. This year our P.E. session will be on a Friday afternoon. Please could your child wear their P.E kit to school with their red school jumper or cardigan. PE kits are black shorts, a white t-shirt, and plimsolls/trainers. Children can also wear dark coloured joggers as they will be in their P.E. kit for the day. Our first library and P.E. sessions will start the week beginning Monday 12th September.

Tapestry

All children and parents have now been registered on Tapestry. You should have received an activation email to access your account. If you have not received this email, please check your junk email first and then tell a member of staff.

Focus children

Every week in Foundation Stage we focus on 3 children. During this week we will plan from their interests and incorporate their next steps into our provision. We value the knowledge and understanding you have of your child and would really appreciate it if you would share this with us on the week when it is your child's turn. This will ensure that we can plan activities to meet your child's needs, now and in the future.

Your child will have a focus week at least once a term and we will contact you via Tapestry for you to share your thoughts about their current learning, development, and interests. The following week we will endeavour to contact you to talk about your child's learning journey and their next steps.

Be the teacher

This will be a session that happens every Friday and it is an opportunity for your children to share some of their interests, fascinations, and expertise with the rest of their class. It would be great if you could work with your child to design a session for them to lead. This could involve a slide show, a song, a dance or even an interactive activity for us all to share. In the past we have had children talking about aeroplanes and then making one, teaching us new songs or dancing, talking about a favourite animal etc. It would be lovely to see the children's interest shining through as you can really tell when they are truly passionate about something! Sometimes just talking about their favourite story or retelling a story with puppets can be enough.

If you do need any help please ask. We will shortly be sending out a timetable so that you can support your child in getting ready for their 'Be the Teacher' session. If you would like to email any resources or photographs to help with your child's 'Be the teacher' session please use our email address: fs@pdp.w-berks.sch.uk

We look forward to an exciting year ahead with your children.

The EYFS team

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