

Early Years Foundation Stage

Autumn 2022



Welcome to Whitefield...

We hope that your child enjoys their first year at Whitefield Primary School. We would like to offer the new children and their families a warm welcome to our school.

Curriculum...

In Reception we follow the Early Years Foundation Stage Statutory Framework. From this, we plan adult led and child initiated activities. This half term, our topic is 'All about Me and My family'. During this topic we talk about ourselves and our families and how we grow and change. After half term our topic will be 'Let's go outside'. We will be going on weather walks to explore the changes in our environment.

In Maths we use the White Rose Maths scheme of work to inform our planning and provision. We will use songs, rhymes and practical activities to develop our number recognition and counting skills.

In phonics we follow the Essential Letters and Sounds programme, where we will be learning the sounds that each letter makes and begin the early stages of reading and writing.

In Literacy, we use the Read to Write scheme of work, where we explore a core text each half term as a stimulus for our writing.

During the children's first school year, they will settle into school life and become more independent.



Reading books...

Very soon your child will receive their first reading book. Your child may start with a book with no words, just pictures, so please share the book together discussing what they can see on each page and telling the story through the pictures. It is more important at this stage that your child enjoys sharing the book and begins to become familiar with this process. Please sign in the reading record when you have read with your child so that we can change it. Your child will be given one reading book for the week, as the importance of re-reading is essential for children to become better and more fluent readers. Therefore we expect the book to be read a number of times over the week. We will give out a new book on a Monday and collect this in on a Friday. Over the weekend you can access online ebooks using your child's ELS login details (these details will be sent out soon).

P.E...

P.E. will take place on a Tuesday. The children will come to school in their PE kit and remain in this for the day. On colder days, you may want to send your child into school in black or navy jogging bottoms. If your child has pierced ears, they must be able to remove them themselves for PE as we are not allowed to do so. If they cannot do this, medical tape should be sent in to cover them.

Allergies/Illnesses...

If your child has any illnesses or allergies that you have not already informed us of, please visit the school office to fill in any relevant paperwork. If throughout the year you require us to administer medicine to your child, this must be prescribed by a doctor and the appropriate forms filled out. The office will advise you if this is possible. It is also important that you let us know any special dietary requirements in writing so we can inform the school catering team.

Home/School Communication...

Your child's class teacher will always be on the door morning and afternoon if you want to give us any messages. Please wait until all children are in the building or have been collected before approaching a member of staff. You can also contact the school office to send any messages. Later in the term, we will be sending out information regarding online platforms we use to share children's work with you and to send out home learning. So look out for information regarding Tapestry and Seesaw. We will also be hosting a Parent's Evening in this first half term on the evenings of Wednesday 19th October and Thursday 20th October where we can discuss anything further (a letter will go out nearer the time).

Outdoor Adventures...

We will be using the outdoor environment on a daily basis and using the school grounds as much as possible to enhance the children's learning. To help your child make the most of these opportunities please ensure that your child has an appropriate coat for the weather and has a pair of named wellies that can stay in school. We take every precaution to keep your children as clean as possible, but please be aware that they may get dirty throughout the day.

Just some reminders...

- Your child will be given free fruit every day, but you are welcome to send in a healthy snack if preferred (no crisps or chocolate etc.)
- We are an allergy aware school so please avoid sending snacks containing nuts.
- Your child needs to bring in a water bottle to use throughout the day (water only).
- Please name every piece of clothing, shoes and blue book bag.

Please do not hesitate to come and see us if there is anything you need to discuss or feel worried about. Finally, from all of the staff in the Foundation Stage we hope your children have a fantastic year.