

Aims & Objectives: This half term, we will be getting to know our children in Birch Class and encouraging them to develop their confidence and independence by exploring different environments. Through observations, parental discussions and working together we will build on children's previous knowledge and understanding to create a good foundation for the coming year. We will provide the opportunity to explore new beginnings, new friendships, new places and new skills. LET'S EXPLORE!

Physical Development

Baseline Assessments

GROSS MOTOR SKILLS

Physical opportunities through swimming, soft play, play park, large equipment, PE, Forest School, outdoor equipment.

FINE MOTOR SKILLS

Daily opportunities through cutting, sticking, collage, play dough, jigsaws, threading, mark making, construction, painting, small world & pincer skills.

SELF CARE SKILLS

Encouraging self care skills.

Personal, Social & Emotional

Baseline Assessments

Settling into a new class and making relationships with new people.

Being aware of others: turn taking and sharing, working together, following routines, accepting changes, developing friendships and managing feelings with support.

Working in a large and small group.

Promoting independence: making choices, planning and reviewing activities, 'class helper' roles & encouraging resilience.

Communication, Language & Literacy

Baseline Assessments

Listening to and joining in with daily stories and rhymes.

Following simple instructions.

Nursery Rhyme and Word of the Week. Guest Reader of the Month.

Books to take home.

Phonics/BLAST activities. SALT sessions.

Introducing Early Years Read Write Inc.

Making own marks, tracing and writing in different media with different tools.

Exploring the reading area.

Communicating with speech, signs and symbols.

Visits and Events

03/9/19 Home Visits

13/9/19 Parent & Child Lunch

26/9/19 Stay & Play

17/10/19 Autumn Exploration:
Park Trip

21/10/19 Harvest Festival

25/10/19 Halloween Party

Swimming - Wednesday

PE - Monday & Tuesday

Forest School - Monday & Wednesday

Mathematics

Baseline Assessments

'Number Blocks' Mathematics.
Daily number rhymes and songs.

Regular counting and simple calculation opportunities.

'Maths' through play.

Sorting and matching.

Comparing sizes, weights and capacities of everyday objects and using appropriate vocabulary.

Autumn colours, patterns and shape activities.

Naming and identifying shapes.

Expressive Art & Design

Baseline Assessments

Repeating everyday activities through role play opportunities in the 'Home Area'.

Harvest songs & performance.

Colour exploration using a colour of the week, including painting and mixing and investigating.

Creating Autumn collages, pictures & exploring textures.

Lycra, ring games, floating scarves, dancing and daily whole class singing.

Exploring sound and musical instruments.

Halloween role play and crafts.

Understanding the World

Baseline Assessments

Exploring likes and dislikes.

Families, home and school.

Tapestry.

Forest School and exploring the natural world.

Harvest and Autumn investigations.

Exploring different foods and enjoying joining in with formal meal times.

Halloween celebration.

Using technology indoors and outside.