



SPRING TERM 2026

Foundation Stage

CURRICULUM LETTER

Happy New year!

Welcome back to all our pupils and a very warm welcome to our new F1 pupils who are starting their journey with us at Christopher Pickering. We're so glad you've chosen to join our school family. Although the nights are starting to get lighter it seems that the days are still getting colder. However, the children absolutely LOVE playing in our garden. Getting wrapped up warm in their gloves, hats and coats is a super learning opportunity and a chance to develop independence. Please remember to send your children in warm clothing, so that they can continue to enjoy our outdoor spaces even in these chilly months. Over the next term we will be following the topic of houses and homes and exploring where we live as well as where animals live. The children will be looking at other structures and buildings too, starting with local familiar ones, like the foot bridge on Boothferry Road and the Humber Bridge, and then exploring other super structures further afield.

Curriculum Information

Reading

Children will continue to bring home a 'reading for pleasure' book each Friday. Take an opportunity to sit quietly with your child at bedtime or another calm time and read them the story. Talk about the pictures and discuss how the characters in the book feel. You could ask your child if they would like to be in this book or story. It is very common for children to choose the same book over and over again, this helps them to build confidence in the story and help them feel secure and familiar. Whilst as adults we may get fed up with reading it lots of times, it's beneficial for the children to hear it repeatedly.

Some children in F2 are now bringing phonics sheets home. These are the stories they have been working on in class and do not need to be returned to school. If they bring home the small red/green books, these DO need returning every week.

Noticing seasons

Part of the curriculum in the Foundation Stage is to notice changes in the seasons. We take the children outside a lot for this as mentioned above. However, as you can appreciate at this time of year the children do get wet and muddy. Please send the children with appropriate shoes and coats for going outside as well as hats, gloves etc. and remember that from time to time these may get filthy. If you wish to send spare clothes, we would appreciate this too.

Dates

11/2/26	F2 Valentines disco in school
12/2/26	F2 Stay and play
13/2/26	F1 Valentine Stay & Play 10-11am
13/2/23	School closes for half term
23/3/26	School reopens
9/3/26 & 10/3/26	F2 Parents evening
23/3/26	F1 Easter Singing session for parents 10.30-11am & 2.30-3pm
24/3/26	F2 Easter bonnet parade
27/3/26	Easter Egg Hunt PM
27/3/26	School closes for Easter holidays
14/4/26	School re-opens

More dates may be added - Keep an eye on your emails.

General

Please ensure that your child's name is written on all pieces of uniform as well as bottles, bags and coats.

Please ensure your child has a water bottle in school with them every day.

Beginning and the end of the school day

Please make sure that younger children are with you at all times. The outdoor play equipment should not be used before or after school.

Breakfast club and After school club

Children who are eligible can attend breakfast club from 7.30am each morning and after school club until 5.30pm each afternoon. If you would like your child to attend, please see Mrs George in the office.

Snack

Please remember to pop your 50p in the money box for the snack donation.

As always, can we take this opportunity to thank you for all your help and support. If you ever have any questions, please don't hesitate to call the office or speak to any member of the team.

Kind regards
Foundation Stage Staff