

Widening Horizons, Raising Aspirations

Dear Parents/ Carers, Welcome to the new school year and term 1!

We hope you enjoyed your summer break and that you and your children are looking forward to our first term. A special welcome to our new parents who are joining the Briary Family.

Foundation Stage – Elmer and Paddington

Our main focus this term will be settling the children in an establishing routines and expectations with them. Our topic is called 'Getting to know you' and that is exactly what we will be doing. We will be finding out what the children are able to do independently and what their interests are. Once the children are all in full time we will start having some whole class teaching sessions for phonics, maths and topic.

In **Phonics** we will start with our Phase 2 phonemes and 'harder to read and spell' words. We will be teaching the children what the grapheme (letter) looks like, how to write it and the phoneme (sound) it makes. We will play fun games to build words with these sounds and send copies home each week so you know what we have been learning.

Maths this term is an introduction to matching, comparing and making patterns. We will look at shapes, objects, colours and numbers to help us achieve these tasks.

Our topic lessons will be taught through books such as Owl Babies, You Choose, The Colour Monster and The Great Big Book of Families. We will learn about what we are good at, what we can get better at, how we are all special, unique and different and how important that is. Using **Jigsaw** to teach our **RSHE** lessons we will explore our feelings and emotions and how we can react to different situations.

We won't be having a set **PE** day this term as we will be using the outdoor area, field and large equipment most days. If we are going to have **PE** or use the **Forest School**, we will send a message out via Arbor or Tapestry to let you know.

At the end of each week we will post on Tapestry an overview of what learning has taken place that week so that you can discuss it with your child and if you want to revisit some of it at home,

Year 1 – Jeffers and Carle

In our **Writing** this term, we are focusing on basic punctuation in a simple sentence – making sure we use capital letters, finger spaces and full stops. We will practise applying our phonics when spelling new words and writing our ‘harder to read and spell words.’

In **Maths** this term we are working with numbers 0-20: consolidating reading, writing, ordering. Finding 1 more or 1 less than a given number and number bonds for 10 and 20.

Our curriculum subjects are going to be taught in a cross curricular way linked to our topic ‘Me and my World.’ In **History** we are going to be thinking about our own history – how they have changed since being a baby and any significant events that have occurred during their lives. In **RSHE** the theme is ‘Being me in my world’ which focuses on setting rules and expectations, how to keep ourselves self. Our **DT** project will be to create a windmill looking at how materials can be joined and how they can be attached so they move.

PE is Monday and Friday. On a Monday we will be doing gymnastics and on Friday we will be doing multi-skills. Please make sure that your child comes into school wearing their school PE kit.

Some general reminders:

- As the weather is likely to change please send your child in dressed appropriately. Please can we ask that all items of clothing are clearly named so that they can be returned to their rightful owner.
- Spare clothes and carrier bags can be kept at school in case a change of clothes are needed
- Reading record books need to be signed and dated when you have read with your child. Our aim is for every child to read at least **3 times a week** please to try and help your child’s class be the reading champions for the week
- Please could your child bring in a named water bottle in each day