

Literacy

This area of learning is all about reading and writing. We will be reading a wide range of books and writing for different purposes. This half term the children will be:

- Practising letter formation.
- Recognising and writing their own names.
- Learning sounds in our daily phonics sessions.
- Taking part in Shared Reading sessions.
- Participating in Shared Writing to develop an understanding of sentence structure.



To help your child you can share your child's reading book with them and talk about the characters. Help your child to learn their High frequency words.

Mathematics

Mathematical understanding is developed through stories, songs, games and imaginative play so that all children enjoy using and experimenting with numbers. This half term we will be:

- Learning number rhymes
- Identifying and naming shapes in the environment.
- Counting and using number names from 0-5.
- Recognising the number that is one more/one less.
- Recognising and writing numbers to 5.



To help your child you can encourage them to count objects such as toys, coins, fingers and toes. You can also look for shapes in the environment.

**If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to speak to a member of the Foundation Team.
Thank you for your support!**

HIGHFIELDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Curriculum Information for Foundation Stage parents Autumn Term (1) 2023-2024

Homework

It is very important that your child reads their High Frequency words and reading book at home regularly. Any additional homework for E2 that is given will be sent home, in your child's homework book, on a Friday and is to consolidate the learning that takes place in class. The homework needs to be returned the following Tuesday. Thank you.

P.E. Lessons

Your child's P.E. lesson is on:

Mrs Memon's class: Fridays

Miss Essat's class: Mondays

Mrs Featherstone's class: Mondays

Your child will need to bring in some plimsolls and a pair of black or grey shorts or jogging bottoms. School will be providing a t-shirt in your child's house colour. It would be extremely helpful if your child does not wear any jewellery on their P.E. day as it will have to be removed or covered in order for them to take part. Finally, please ensure that your child is wearing clothes that they can easily take off and put on independently. Thank you.



Please check notice boards or visit our school website for up to date information about the curriculum: www.highfields-pri.leicester.sch.uk

There is lots more news and information on our Weduc app. Please call into school for your code if you have not downloaded it to your phone yet.

A warm welcome to you and your child as we start the Autumn Term! The children are settling very well into their new classes and are quickly picking up new routines, getting to know the teachers and making new friends. We are starting the school year learning about 'Ourselves'. Through our 7 areas of learning, we will explore different names for parts of the body and how they work. We will then focus on the importance of keeping clean, eating healthily and taking regular exercise. Finally we will look at our families, including where we live and who we live with.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development – PSED

- Talk about good behaviour and classroom rules.
- Working together as part of a group.
- Looking after our classroom.
- Caring for others e.g. being kind and sharing.
- Talking about our families and friends.
- Taking part in new activities including P.E.



You can help your child by encouraging them to dress and undress independently.

Communication and Language – C and L

- Developing speaking and listening skills in groups.
- Listening to stories with increasing attention and recall.
- Listening to and learning rhymes and songs.



To help your child you can encourage them to talk about what they have done at school.

Physical Development – PD

- Awareness of space
- Moving using different parts of the body.
- Developing pencil control skills.
- Practising basic skills e.g. cutting and sticking.
- Travelling through obstacle courses.
- Thinking about how to stay healthy.



To help your child you can encourage them to walk to school and move in a range of ways.

Understanding of the World – UW

- Talking about our families and communities.
- Learning about different children's backgrounds and origins.
- Visits from people in the community.
- Exploring our local area and observing changes.

To help your child you can encourage them to talk about what they see in your local area and spot any changes around them.



Expressive Arts and Design – EAD

- Paintings and drawings related to our context.
- Learning new songs e.g. I've got a Body.
- Collages of body parts.
- Exploring materials.

To help your child you can draw or paint with them at home and send any pictures you have made to show us!



You can also let your child bring items of interest from home to talk about with the rest of their class. This will take place during Golden Time on a Friday. We will display dates for 'Show and Tell' on the FS notice board.

Remember to look at the notice board next to the Foundation Stage door to see the theme and key words for each week!