

Information sheet for Foundation 2019

Thank you for allowing us to come and visit your child in your home over the last week. We really appreciate your kind hospitality as we all begin a new journey together. The following contains information about Foundation, what you can expect and some more details about what your child will be doing over the next few weeks.

Every day is different in Foundation but there are certain aspects and events that occur regularly, weekly and daily.

We begin each day with the register and 'Snappy Maths' which is a five minute mental maths session.



The children will take part in 'Write Dance' and 'Dough Disco' both of which are hand and finger exercises focussing on developing fine and gross muscle dexterity, essential for being ready to write.



We will begin daily phonics sessions, later in the term, teaching 4 new sounds a week. The children will bring home sheets at the end of each week showing the sounds we have learnt, how to form the letters and how to pronounce the sound correctly. Please don't be surprised if your child tells you you are saying it wrong or corrects your pronunciation. On this occasion your child may well be right! We would encourage your child to complete the sheets at home as often as possible as additional reinforcement of what we have learnt. This will enable your child to become more confident and secure in their knowledge.

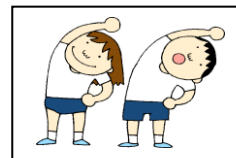


Children will be given reading books within a few weeks. Initially these will be books without words to develop their storytelling skills. Books will then be introduced with an increasing number of words and vocabulary as appropriate. Books will be changed weekly. Please support your child by encouraging them to talk about the stories they have,

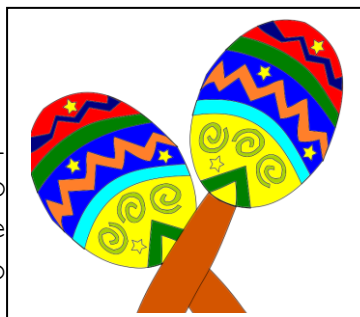
discussing characters, making predictions and retelling a story from what they have read. Many of our books have activities or points to discuss at the back of the book; these are always a good starting point if you are unsure. It is important to remember that learning to read is not simply about reading the words on the page. The discussions you have with your child about the story and your child's ability to talk about and answer questions about what they have read is equally important for them to be able to demonstrate a true understanding of a book. Please use the home school book to record your comments about your child's reading each week - this may be about what they enjoyed the most, what they did really well at, any areas that they struggled with or any other comments appropriate.



Children will have weekly F.P sessions on a Monday and either a Tuesday or a Thursday alternating each half term. FP will be on a Tuesday initially and FH on a Thursday.

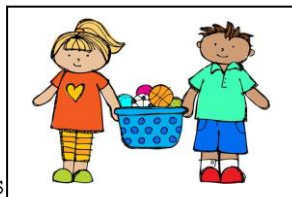


Children will take part in Music sessions with Mrs Honey from County Music Services each week. They will learn songs, play instruments and have the opportunity to move to music.



Children will have access to weekly sessions in 'The Hub' computer room where the children will use the computer for their sessions using age appropriate software. The sessions will be 'The Mash'.

Wow Vouchers will be sent home in your child's book bag during the first week. These are for you to fill in at home and bring back to school so we can celebrate those special moments with your child that have made you say 'WOW'. This is something personal to your child where they have done really well such as fantastic swimming, riding a bike without stabilisers, tidying their bedroom, setting the table, getting dressed in the morning independently, eating all their tea, sleeping in their own bed all night. . . . The list is endless, but if it's made you say 'wow' we want to hear about it and share it with the whole class so we can all celebrate your child's achievements, however small they may seem.



We will be providing you with number and letters formation sheets. They will show you a simple way to form each letter and number. These are for your reference and do not need to be returned to school.

We hope this information is helpful. If you have any comments or questions about this or any other aspect of Foundation, please do speak to any member of the Foundation team.