

ST LAWRENCE C E PRIMARY SCHOOL

FOUNDATION STAGE CURRICULUM OUTLINE

Autumn Term 2018

We're Going on a Bearhunt/
Once Upon a Time



Dear Parents

Welcome to all the children and their families to Foundation Stage at St Lawrence School. Thank you for preparing your child for the start of this exciting stage in his/her young life. Below is a brief explanation of Foundation Stage activities this term.

Our theme this term is "We're Going on a Bearhunt/Once Upon a time", which links work about bears and ourselves to the curriculum programme for Foundation Stage. Our stunning start will be to bring a bear to school to take on a bear hunt! We will finish the term with a fabulous fairy tale day! You will hear more from us about this soon via Tapestry/email. The Foundation Stage is split into the following seven areas of learning:

Communication and Language

Children will be given opportunities to experience a rich language environment. We would like to encourage the children to share their interests and knowledge with the class. They will develop their confidence and skills in expressing themselves through role-play, circle games and discussions with peers and adults. Through these activities they will acquire the skills to enable them to speak and listen in a range of situations.



Physical Development

We will learn about moving safely and effectively during PE and in our outside environment. This will strengthen muscles and help develop co-ordination. Art and craft activities will promote fine-motor control and efficiency when using equipment. Children will begin to learn about the importance of making healthy choices.



Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Personal, Social and Emotional Development is a key aspect of young children's learning. It underpins all areas of the Foundation Stage Curriculum and helps children to become confident and effective learners. Children will develop confidence, co-operation and independence through selecting activities, changing books, caring for equipment, participating with others and taking responsibility. They will also have a learning buddy from further up the school. The children will become familiar with our school values of Respect, Independence, Caring, Teamwork and Reach for the Stars.

Literacy

Children will be given a variety of opportunities, largely self-selected, to develop reading and writing skills.

An essential part of learning how to read and write is knowing the 'sounds' of letters. We use "Jolly Phonics" alongside 'Letters and Sounds'. You will find explanations and videos of the songs and formations on your Tapestry account to practise with your child when we cover them in class.

We encourage the children to practise the letter sound, write the letter and find pictures that can be associated with the letters during any free moments, including at home.

Our core texts for this term are:

- * We're Going on a Bear Hunt
- * Whatever Next
- * Traditional Stories
- * The Christmas Story



Mathematics

Through practical exploration and games, a range of opportunities are provided both inside and outdoors to: identify numerals, count and understand numbers, add and subtract, solve problems and recognise shapes and patterns. Much of our mathematics is practical but children are encouraged to explain their thinking and record in creative ways. "Numicon" is used as a key resource to help aid their mathematical learning.

Understanding the World

We will use our senses to explore and observe our surroundings. We will use our outdoor environment to investigate Autumn and how the seasons change. Children will learn about traditional celebrations including Harvest, Diwali and Christmas. We will use a range of computing equipment such as the interactive whiteboard, computers, CD players and i-Pads to support the children's learning.

Expressive Arts and Design

We will use a range of media to investigate colours, textures and shapes. Stories, rhymes and songs will stimulate individual ideas for expressing feelings and moods. Role-play areas will provide a backdrop for imaginative play which will be developed from the children's own ideas and interests. Acting out the Christmas Story in Church will help understanding and develop a sense of awe and wonder. It should also be lots of fun!

Other Information

There will be an opportunity to attend our tea party at 2.30pm on Wednesday 19 September, where you will meet with other parents and the Foundation Stage teachers. Any queries or comments about school can be raised there.

After half term parents will be invited to attend a 10 minute appointment when we can discuss how your child is settling into school and our initial impressions about how we can support your child's individual needs.

And finally:

- * All pupils should have a St Lawrence book bag for their reading journal, reading book and hard copy letters to bring home.
- * Please make sure all items of clothing and equipment are **clearly** named!
- * Although children will be offered free fruit, they may prefer to bring fruit/veg/ dried fruit as a playtime snack. A named water bottle should be in school every day.
- * We ask that children do not bring toys to school as these are easily lost or broken.
- * Please encourage your child to come into class and put his/her belongings away independently as we do like to get busy as quickly as possible in the mornings.
- * Please don't hesitate to talk to us if any concerns arise. We are looking forward to having lots of fun this term!

Dates for Your Diary

Monday 17 September

Wednesday 19 September

Thursday 27 September

Monday 1 October

Wednesday 3 October

Wednesday 3-Tuesday 9 October

Friday 5 October

Wednesday 10 October

Monday 15 October

Tuesday 16 October

Wednesday 17 October

Tuesday 6 November

Thursday 8 November

Tuesday 20 November

Thursday 22 November

Saturday 1 December

Friday 7 December

Tuesday 11 December

School clubs begin

2.30 Curriculum meeting for parents

Open day (Hurst Festival)

Individual school photographs

8.50-9.15 Whole school 'Stay and Learn together' for parents

3.15 Book fair

Harvest Festival services in church

8.50 SEN coffee morning

Green Day

7.00 Curriculum evening for parents (grammar and punctuation)

9.10 Curriculum morning for parents (grammar and punctuation)

5.30 Parent consultations

3.30 Parent consultations

8.50 SEN coffee morning

8.50-9.15 Whole school 'Stay and Learn together' for parents

PTA Christmas bazaar

School clubs finish

2.00 Nativity service

For your information

Apple class - Mrs Garnett will cover release time for Mr Smith on Wednesday afternoons. **Pear class** - Mrs Soanes (Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday morning, Ms Bartolo Wednesday afternoon/Thursday/Friday). **Plum class** - Mrs Boyd will cover release time for Mrs Farley on Wednesday afternoons.