

The foundation stage framework is a unique curriculum where children are encouraged to explore the world around them through active learning and play based experiences both indoors and outdoors. If your child comes home and says they have been “just playing” you know that they have been having fun and learning. The curriculum has three prime areas (Personal, Social and Emotional Development, Physical Development and Communication and Language) and four specific areas (Mathematics, Literacy, Understanding the World and Expressive Arts and Design)

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We hope your child settles well into school this term. If you have any concerns or questions please speak to a member of the Foundation Two team. As the term progresses we hope that your child will become familiar with the school routines and grow in confidence to make friends and select activities independently. We will introduce the school rules and daily prayers. We will be talking about what makes everyone unique and special.

Independent challenge

Can you find your peg and put your book bag away?

Literacy

In literacy we will be developing our writing skills by learning to hold a pencil correctly, making marks with meaning and control, writing our names and learning how to form some letters correctly. We will be introducing daily phonic sessions when the children have started full time. We will be practising our reading skills by talking about stories, handling books carefully, hearing initial sounds and blending and segmenting words eg c-a-t and listening for rhymes and alliteration.

Independent challenges

Can you join in with a rhyming book? Can you share a book at home and talk about the story?

Can you write your name?

Communication and Language

This term we want the children to become confident communicators and develop their listening skills some examples are by listening to a range of stories, chatting to friends, talking to adults, sharing experiences from home, responding to simple instructions, understanding positional language (in front, behind, next to)

Independent challenges

Can you listen to a story?

Can you tell me about your day?

Mathematics

In mathematics we will be using number names in songs and rhymes, counting and looking at numerals of personal significance. We will be thinking about sorting, patterns and shapes in the environment.

Independent challenges

Can you match number to the quantity?

e.g. apples in a bag, how many cars in the box etc.

Can you make a repeating pattern? e.g. with lego, pencils etc.



Physical Development

As we become more independent this term we will practise, cutting skills, using pencils / pens correctly, sewing, using simple tools with dough and clay. We will be exploring moving safely using our outdoor area. As the weather changes we will practise putting our coat and shoes ourselves and encouraging independence when using the toilet and hand washing.

Independent challenges

Can you fasten your coat?

Understanding the World

As the term progresses we will be looking for signs of autumn approaching. We will celebrate special times such as our holidays, starting school, harvest and birthdays.

We will observe changes as we make vegetable soup.

Independent challenges

Can you talk about signs of autumn?

Can you talk about how you have changed from a baby?

Expressive Arts and Design

We like to sing familiar songs, join in with ring games, explore colour and how colours can be changed and use a range of materials.

We will draw and paint pictures of ourselves and use a range of media to explore making the initial letter of our name.

Independent challenges

Can you sing a simple song?

Can you draw or make a picture?

Parent partnership

As part of our partnership we will be sending various activities such as 'wow moments', 'lets celebrate' sheets, story leaves and topic related tasks. Please could you send a baby photograph into school so we can talk about how your child has changed and compare with now. We share these at school with the children and always value these contributions to add to your child's learning journey.



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Roots to grow and wings to fly

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This term we are
learning about ...
Marvellous Me / Autumn

