



# Welcome to Foundation Stage

Curriculum information

# Staffing

## Teachers

- RS – Mrs Shepherd
- RR – Miss Ronja
- Student teacher – Mrs Gent

## LSAs

- RS – Mrs Edwards and Mrs Heasman
- RR – Mrs Walters and Mrs Maytum

# Important information

- Your children will need wellie boots and waterproof coats as all children go outside in all weather
- They must bring in a named water bottle with water and no juice
- Please be sure to name **anything** that your child brings into school, and keep checking that it can still be seen after every wash
- Our PE day is Wednesday. Children will come into school wearing their PE kits. Children are allowed to wear trainers
- We are happy to have any items returned to us that have inadvertently been taken home!
- The DFE have introduced a statutory baseline assessment, it is a short, interactive and practical assessment of your child's early literacy, communication, language and maths skills when they begin in school. This will be completed within term 1. They will not need to prepare for this, please do not worry, the children will not know that they are completing it

# School uniform

- Please make sure that the children are in correct uniform with appropriate hairstyles (examples of uniform on next slide)

Terms 1, 5 and 6 is summer uniform  
Terms 2,3 and 4 is winter uniform

- Shoes must be black, no slip on shoes and no open toed sandals, ideally Velcro to support children's independence
- No jewellery is to be worn in school
- Bags must be appropriate school bags or backpacks or book bag, no handbags or suitcase style bags
- Hair longer than collar length must be tied up, extremes of fashion such as shaved patterns / lines or partings, colours, very short hair on one side with longer on the other etc. are not allowed
- Girls can wear white socks or navy blue tights
- Boys socks must be grey
- Summer dresses must be navy blue, not light blue. In the past some girls have opted for a summer dress playsuit, we ask that they do not wear these as it makes it more challenging to use the toilet independently

# School uniform examples



Winter uniform



Summer uniform

# PE

- PE will be on a Wednesday morning
- Your children require a named school PE kit

## PE kit

- T-shirt (house colour)
- Navy shorts and navy tracksuit bottoms
- Sweatshirt – navy with no zip or hoodie (please no fashion labels)
- Trainers



# Phonics

- We introduce phonics to the children by playing listening games and working on attention and focus. This aspect of the phonic scheme lasts until October half term. After October half term, we will begin to introduce sounds.
- The children will be getting an electronic sheet summarising the sounds they had learnt that week. These will be uploaded onto Tapestry. Please practise these at home with your child and encourage them to look out for these sounds in their story books and begin to segment and blend simple words e.g. p-i-n – pin. A digraph is when two letters are together to make one sound, such as ee, ai, ll, th.
- A trigraph is when three letters are together and they make one sound such as air, igh, ear.
- A phonic workshop will be held this year to support parents, more information on this will come at a later date.



# Maths

- We follow the White Rose scheme for maths
- The children will have a daily maths lesson initially learning number songs and gradually building up their knowledge of number and number pattern
- Please see the school website for our termly maths coverage





# Reading Diaries

- Reading diaries must be in school every day. Please use them to record any messages to your child's teacher and to inform us as to which books your child has been reading
- Any notes can also be written in there that you would like us to know about your child, alternatively, you can upload messages onto Tapestry as this is checked daily

# Reading books

- Children have responsibility for changing their own books. This is to encourage them to be independent. When they are changing their book, they will be supported by an adult. Children will change their books once a week
- Children are encouraged to keep the same book for a few days to build confidence
- Books will usually be changed on a Monday
- Children will receive two books each time they change



# Tapestry

- Our main source of communication this year will be on Tapestry
- You will be able to see your child's learning through teacher observations and you can comment on this
- We also encourage you to post your child's home learning/wow moments that they do with you for us to comment on
- Please check your Tapestry account daily for observations, updates and messages

# Show and Tell

- Every Friday we will have show and tell. We run a 4 week theme whereby one team per week will have the opportunity to bring something in to talk about related to this theme. An example of a possible theme is 'Somewhere I have visited' for this your child could bring in photos, tickets, a leaflet or a souvenir. Please can you make sure you stick to the theme. We will start Show and Tell after the October half term

# Barnaby Bear

- We have a special teddy called Barnaby Bear that will be sent home with our star of the week on Friday as a special treat. It would be lovely for you or your child to write in the book what they did that weekend, rather like a diary. You could scribe a picture that that they have drawn, they could try to write their name, or you could simply make a note that Barnaby came to your house. Please write and draw in pencil
- Barnaby will not start going home until the children are in full time
- Some parents in the past have uploaded their child's adventures with Barnaby onto Tapestry as opposed to writing it in the book. This is absolutely fine too! 😊



# Forest School

- After Christmas children will begin Forest School. Children go out in class groups into our Forest School near the pavilion. The children follow very strict Forest School rules, and this allows them to take part in the activities and explore the wooded area safely, until they become more familiar with the rules.
- Please bring in wellies, hats and gloves for your children to ensure they are wearing appropriate clothing as we go out in all weather
- We go into the forest on a Wednesday as the children will already be in their PE kits

# Dates for your diary

- Foundation Stage story time –

Parents are invited to come into school once a term to enjoy a story with their child. They will all be held on the first Friday of a new term, between 2.45pm and 3.00pm. The children are then welcome to leave with you.

Dates:

Session 1 - Friday 5<sup>th</sup> November

Session 2 – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> January

Session 3 – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> February

Session 4 – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> April

Session 5 – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June

Kent Messenger first class photos – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> September

**Thank you for your continued  
support**

