

Beecroft Primary School

Reception Curriculum Letter Autumn 1 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

We will be sending home a curriculum letter each half term to inform you what the children are learning in school and how to support at home. To help us find out more about your child and their family, please fill in the attached questionnaire and return by Monday 18th September.

Your child has been given a home/school book, which is used as another form of communication between parents and staff. Please use the book to share information such as achievements at home, illnesses, exciting news etc (see inside the front cover of your home/school book for more ideas.)

Literacy

At Beecroft we follow the Essential Letters and Sounds phonics programme. This half term, we will be introducing the first sets of phonics sounds:

s, a, t, p i, n, m, d g, o, c, k ck, e, u, r h, b, f, ff, l, ll

The children will learn how to orally sound and blend words (c-a-t = cat), and learn to read simple words containing the sounds (phonemes.) We will be organising a reading meeting to provide parents with more information about phonics and reading in school.

This half term we will be reading a range of stories, non-fiction and poems and we are encouraging children to bring their favourite books from home to read in class. The children will start to take home books from next week, along with a reading diary- more information to follow.

The children will learn to write simple sentences using their name and keywords including **I, am, and, can.**

Maths

The children will start to develop a deep understanding of numbers to 10, learning how to represent numbers in different ways using a range of resources, 1 more/1 less and composition of numbers through basic addition and subtraction. They will learn about patterns in numbers to 10 and beyond and will learn about matching and sorting by colour, size and shape.

Understanding the World

The children will be picking fruit from our apples trees and using their senses to describe the apples. The children will learn about autumn through a range of books, songs and poems and explore a range of autumn objects- describing, sorting, counting and drawing.

They will learn to describe their families and where they live, comparing similarities and differences. They will gain an awareness of the varied home languages and cultures in our classes.

Art and Design

The children will paint self-portraits, describing their features. They will also be exploring colour using a range of media.

Physical Education (P.E)

P.E will start next week and will be on a Thursday. PE uniform:

Children need a pair of plain navy blue or black shorts, a pair of plain navy blue or black tracksuit bottoms and a plain round neck white t-shirt (no logo) as well as a pair of socks and trainers for outside.

We hope your child is enjoying school and is starting to feel settled in Reception. If you ever have any questions or would just like an update on your child's progress, please don't hesitate to ask. We will happily arrange a meeting one evening after school/early morning.

Thank you for your support,

Beecroft Primary School

Miss Stuart, Miss Hussey and Mrs Such