



Welcome to The Early Years Owl Summer Term 2017

(First Half)

Early Years Teacher : Mrs Tansley

Early Years Team: Mrs Armitage, Mrs Chisnall, Mrs
Kershaw (HLTA), Mrs Rozier

If you ever have any worries, concerns or questions please feel free to make an appointment to see us, or if it is just a brief word then just pop in before or after school.

Thank you for your continued support.

The Early Years Team

Welcome back to the new half term.

We are still continuing to encourage the children to become independent and would like to say a big well done to all the children who have been hanging up their own coats and bags when they arrive and also a big pat on the back to those children who have been leaving their parents at the classroom door. Thank you for your support with this. Of course we understand there may be days when your child needs to be settled or needs a few more minutes with their parent and you will always be welcome in the classroom. If your child is in Nursery but you feel your child is ready to make this step, then we would actively encourage this.

In order to get a prompt start to our activities in the morning we would appreciate it if the early years children could be in class by 8.55am.

Our aim is to make your child's learning experience exciting and enjoyable through delivering a creative and stimulating curriculum based on the skills highlighted in the Early Years Framework. Whenever possible learning will be linked to a theme or topic.

This half term our topic is **Space**.

During Communication and Language and Literacy activities the children will use the animated tale 'The Baby and the Rocket' to introduce them to information texts and to compare facts and fiction. There will be lots of activities for children to investigate both planets and rockets.

The children will listen to Beegu by Alexis Deacon and Laura's Star by Klaus Baumgart, and will make predictions, express opinions and compare, giving reasons for their preference. An Animated Tale will inspire the children to create their own alien characters and write sentences.

They will read several poems from Space Poems Chosen by Gaby Morgan and use them to initiate discussion about stars and moon and to write a poem. They will explore rhymes, play games and make things as a result of reading alien stories.

In the afternoons, the Reception children's learning experiences will be based on the book Whatever Next.

R.E.

For the Reception children the overall theme for their R.E. activities will be Special Places. The children will look at places that are special to themselves, Christians, Jews and Muslims. They will have an opportunity to visit the church .

Additional Physical Development Activities

All Early Years children will have a PE session on a Tuesday morning and the **Reception** children will also have Zumba Fitness on Wednesday afternoons.

Home Learning

All Early Years children will have a library book to take home to share each week. Please comment on your child's reading at home in the reading record.

Reception will also have a reading book and often additional phonic activities. Please comment on your child's reading in their record book and read with your child daily. Thank you to all those parents who have been regularly helping their child read and complete their phonics home learning.

Reminders

Please ensure **Book Bags** are in school **every day** with their reading record and books inside. Please check your child's bag and take out any letters or pictures every night.

Hair must be tied back neatly.

Please ensure full **PE kit** is in school at **all times**, including trainers or plimsolls and tracksuit/jogging bottoms/sweatshirt/fleece/hoody for outdoors.

Please ensure you **name all items of clothing** (including footwear, hats, scarfs and gloves) clearly.

Pinkie Pie Thank you to everyone who has looked after our class owl so far. The children have really enjoyed taking part and sharing their adventures. We look forward to hearing more.

