

Foundation Stage Curriculum Newsletter Term 1 September 2022

Welcome to Christ Church

This is your first curriculum newsletter, we sent out a letter with useful information last week so please let us know if you did not receive this.

At Christ Church Primary School, you will receive one of these at the start of each new term. The purpose of these termly newsletters is to keep you updated with information for Foundation Stage.

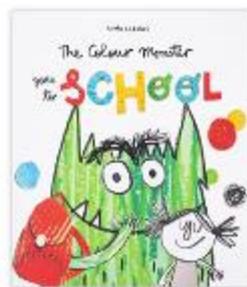
The seven areas of learning in the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) Curriculum are shown to the right:

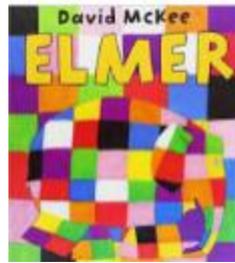
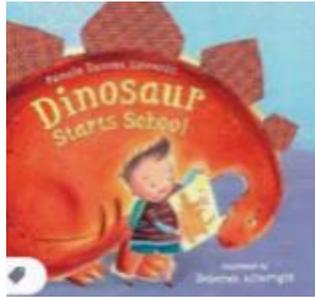


In Foundation Stage we talk about being 'Learning Explorers' and call our self-directed learning time 'Explore Time'. During this time the children will access play based activities designed to support them to develop their skills in areas of the Early Years curriculum.

All the children will explore our many inside and outside learning activities and are encouraged to try new things. The children are also taught in focussed whole class sessions, small groups and in one-to-one sessions throughout the school day.

The theme for our learning this term is 'Being me in my world' where we will be focussing on things that the children are experiencing, such as starting school, Autumn and harvest. We will also be talking a lot about our families and feelings and using books to support these themes.





Personal, Social and Emotional Development

This term we are focussing on settling into school life and learning the many routines. We are learning all about each other, talking about ourselves and our interests and making new friends. We also follow a PSHEE scheme called 'Jigsaw' which is focussed on the theme 'Being me in my world'.

Communication and Language

We will be listening to and talking about stories. Talking about things that are important to us, asking and answering questions and learning new vocabulary.

Physical Development

We will be developing our fine motor skills (small movements using our hands and wrists) and gross motor skills (large movements with our bodies). We will be taking part in many different activities to support us with these including PE which will be on a **Friday**. The children come into school wearing their PE kit on this day and our first PE session is **Friday 23rd September**. From this date, the children come into school wearing their PE kit every Friday.

Literacy

We use books as a focus for our weekly literacy which is based around our theme for the term and we put the focus text in our windows so you can see our focus book that week. Some books will be a focus for two weeks. We will begin the term with the book: *Dinosaur starts school* by Pamela Duncan- Edwards and will be linking our literacy closely with our PSHEE talking about our feelings and starting school.

We will be beginning our Phonics programme which is called 'Little Wandle' where we learn new letters and the sounds they make. This is how we teach reading and writing. We will hold a phonics and reading evening on **Monday 26th September** to explain more (details to follow).

Sharing books at home

Sharing books are books chosen by the children for you to share at home. Your child is **not** expected to read this book, it is an opportunity to share a story and nurture a love of reading. We will put sharing books outside our classroom gates on a Monday and Thursday morning for your children to select on their way into school, please return the book before taking a new one. On a rainy day we will help the children to choose new books within the school day.

Mathematics

We will be exploring number and shape through stories, discussions, games and activities. We will be following the Mastering Number programme in our whole class mathematics sessions. Subitising, which is to instantly recognise a small amount without counting, will be a focus for us. We will also be focussing on counting skills and understanding the composition of numbers e.g that the number 3 can be made of smaller numbers such as 2 and 1 and 1, 1 and 1.

Understanding the World

We will be finding out about our school community, discussing our families and spending time playing and exploring in our woods. The children will be experiencing the season of Autumn and finding out about the festival of Harvest.

Expressive Art and Design

We will be using classroom resources to create our own masterpieces! We will also be playing imaginatively with others and using small world and role play resources.

Term dates

The end of term 1 is Wednesday 19th October and the children will return to school on Tuesday 1st November (please note that Monday 31st is a whole school INSET day where school is closed).