

BROXBOURNE CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Learning Links

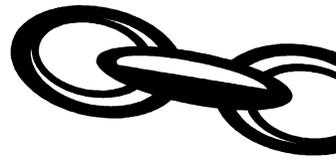
Spring 2016
Early Years 1



The aim of this booklet is to give you a broad understanding of the subjects and topics the children will be learning about this term. We hope that it will help us to strengthen our learning partnership and benefit the children.

Class teacher(s): Miss Morrish

EYFS



The learning opportunities and experiences that children encounter in EY1 are based on the Framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS). This consists of the following 7 areas of learning and development.

Communication and Language

Our practitioners will provide a varied and rich language experience in order to develop children's speaking and listening skills. Children will be encouraged to share their ideas and listen to others within a small group. They will be developing their ability to ask and answer questions. The children will be supported in following instructions and maintaining concentration for longer periods of time.

Physical Development

The children will experience a structured P.E. Lesson on a Wednesday. They will also explore our outdoor learning environment throughout the week. During our PE sessions, the children will be learning about special awareness and move with increasing control. Our 'Busy Fingers' sessions each morning support children's developing fine motor skills. Throughout the week, our practitioners will work with children as they handle tools, such as pencils and scissors, with increasing skill.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development The children will continue to explore their environment and develop their social skills, such as turn taking, to enable them to play and learn with others. Our practitioners will help the children to develop their self-care and hygiene awareness as well as their understanding of safety issues at school.



Literacy

The children will be exposed to a range of books and stories within the classroom. Every week they will be given the opportunity to choose a story from our library to take home. There are daily whole class phonics sessions and children will participate in small group phonics activities each week. These sessions aim to teach the children to differentiate between sounds in the environment, to identify sounds in spoken language and to recognise patterns in our language such as rhythm and rhyme. As children become secure in differentiating between sounds, they will be introduced to the skills of blending and segmenting the sounds they can hear in words. We will be encouraging children to make marks to record their ideas and to write their first names. Please remember that your child should write their name with a capital letter at the beginning, followed by lower case letters.

Mathematics

The children will be participating in daily whole class maths sessions as well as small group maths activities every week. This term we will be focusing on developing the children's understanding of varying amounts and their counting skills. The children will be counting to 10 and beginning to recognise numbers to 10 within different contexts. We will be using a range of fun, multi-sensory activities to develop children's understanding of numbers, including number based stories. The children will also be learning about shape, patterns, positional language and sorting, through games and activities.

Expressive Arts and Design

Children will be given opportunities to use a range of materials and express themselves through role-play, dance, art and craft, dressing up and music. They will complete small group activities to learn new art and craft techniques.

Understanding the world

The topics for this term will be Nursery Rhymes and Traditional/Favourite Tales. Followed by *Growing*. The children will be given opportunities to observe and question the world around them as they explore the learning environment. They will continue to learn how to use the computer, IWB and ipads.

RE and WORSHIP: Our worship theme this term is based on the Christian values of faith, perseverance and service. Children will listen to stories from the Bible and begin to learn what it means to belong to a religion. The children will also be learning about the Christian festival of Easter.

HOW YOU CAN HELP AT HOME:

- Share a variety of books and stories together.
- Talk about environmental sounds and play listening games.
- Sing counting songs and nursery rhymes.
- Play dice games to encourage 1-1 counting and turn-taking.
- Take time to talk to your child - it will improve their vocabulary, confidence and social skills.
- *Get creative!* Craft activities help to develop children's fine motor skills.
- Go to the park to develop gross motor skills.
- Spot the dog will be visiting children each weekend. Please share the experience in Spot's special book.
- Complete our half termly home school tasks with your child.