



Finding your way through play!



Rainbow Class -EYFS - AUTUMN 1 2024-2025

FOCUS CURRICULUM PRINCIPLES -

Strong Working Partnerships, Promotes independence and curiosity.



OVERVIEW

Our first half term with the children concentrates fully on settling them into their new school environment, developing relationships and getting to know the children's personalities, likes, dislikes and interests. In class our learning is heavily play based with short adult led activities (which grow in duration as the year progresses).

Our play themes are taken very much from the children's interests and are chosen by playing alongside the children, observing them and chatting together. E.g. a child who arrives at school after spotting a spider's web or blackberry bush on the way to school which has sparked fascination can lead to stories and learning shaped around these themes. Likewise a child who has had an exciting or special experience away from school e.g. a visit to a family member or new place can equally fire up a new topic of interest. Our topic themes are continually changing and evolving with the children - families are also encouraged to use dojo to share news or interests with teachers and the class. Dojo is a great way to share photos for free.

Children will also begin short daily sessions of phonics and number skills once the compulsory baseline assessment is completed.

COMMUNICATION AND LANGUAGE

THE POWER OF TALK AND CONVERSATION.

Using stories and circle time to listen to others and explain our ideas.
Beginning to talk in sentences to explain our ideas and respond to others.
Building up vocabulary that links to our experiences.

PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

Developing gross motor skills and upper body strength to control larger movements.

To understand the importance of good hygiene for health - hand washing and independence in using the toilet.

Celebrating water as a healthy drink and way to support oral health. ut

PERSONAL, SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Develop confidence to adapt to new situations, asking for help when needed.

Make new friendships and relationships with adults and peers. Taking turns and sharing.

Explore new environments and resources, selecting things we need with growing independence.

LITERACY

Reading - to listen and join in with stories and poems.

Develop a love of reading.

Recognise familiar words and own name.

Writing - Begin to know the initial sounds in words.

Explore writing through mark making and letters.

Looking for letters in our surroundings. What is their purpose?

MATHS

Exploring maths in our own lives, stories and our environment.

Looking at similarities and differences.

Matching pairs and odd ones out - organizing into sets / groups by characteristics.

Investigating numbers to 5, understanding the value and meaning behind the digit.

Exploring shapes.

UNDERSTANDING THE WORLD

Understanding and celebrating the uniqueness of each other. Respecting difference and developing relationships.

Celebrating different people and places and their importance in our local community.

EXPRESSIVE ARTS AND DESIGN

Expressing ourselves and exploring our interests through art, colour, dance, music and construction.

Gaining confidence to try new things and explore the resources in class.

Use imaginative play to develop stories and narratives. To join in and share ideas with others.

Timetable Notes

Mondays will be our Forest School sessions with Miss Gates. Please ensure your child has wellies and waterproof clothing available in class to put over the top of their uniform. These sessions will take place regardless of the weather.

Monday and Thursday - These are our allocated PE days. Children should come to school dressed in their PE kit for the day - tracksuits are recommended for cooler days. Forest School kits will be worn over PE kits for the outdoor learning session with Miss Gates.

VALUES/RE

Value - Relationships

RE - Me (All About Me)

HOME TASK

Please return your All About Me books and please send in a family photo that we can display in our Home Corner.

TRIPS/VISITORS

Blackberry Walk - Freshwater. Date TBC