

Bel Royal Primary School

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Nursery Curriculum Newsletter

Communication and Language

The children will continue to enjoy stories, rhymes and poems each day. During our Drawing Club learning we will be exploring new vocabulary and developing our oracy skills. We will be helping the children grow as confident speakers and listeners. We will encourage them to join in longer conversations, ask questions, and use new vocabulary during their play. We will support them to follow simple instructions, take turns when talking, and share their ideas clearly. As their language develops, we will help them describe events and express their thoughts with increasing detail and confidence.



Physical Development

We will be providing opportunities to move in lots of different ways – running, skipping, jumping, hopping etc. We will develop our skills of throwing and catching too. This term we will also be learning about tennis and celebrate Wimbledon with a Wimbledon Tea Party alongside the Reception Class. We will continue to develop our fine motor skills using one handed tools such as scissors and pencils for drawing and writing. The children will be expected to hold their pencil correctly in Reception and use it with good control. It is important to build up the muscles in arms and little fingers by doing lots of threading, using tweezers, rolling playdough and building with smaller construction.



Personal, Social and Emotional

This term in Personal, Social and Emotional Development, we will be developing the children's confidence and independence as they prepare for their transition to Reception. We are focusing on how to manage their emotions, build positive friendships, and work cooperatively during play and group activities. We are supporting them to talk about their feelings, solve small problems with increasing independence, and understand the routines and expectations that will help them feel ready for the next stage of their learning.



Reading and Writing

We will begin the Read, Write, Inc Phonics scheme in Nursery this term. The children are taught to say the sounds of letters with the help of mnemonics. They will be introduced to 'Fred' who is a RWI character who can only speak in individual sounds! 'Fred Talk' is an activity that occurs in every Speed Sound lesson and helps children form the foundations for reading and spelling.

Please help your child to practise recognising and saying the pure sounds at home and repeating the mnemonics. The website below has lots of excellent videos for parents.

www.ruthmiskin.com/en/find-out-more/parents/

Please continue encouraging your child to write their own name at home.

This term we will be drawing and writing in a range of media inside and outside nursery. It is important that your child sees you writing for all sorts of purposes e.g. shopping lists, cards, notes. Children need to be able to ascribe meaning to the marks they make and begin to write 'letter like' shapes.



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Maths

We will be providing meaningful and varied opportunities for comparing length, weight capacity and time by making good use of our Nursery garden.

We will continue to develop our concept of number, in particular matching numeral to quantities and comparing groups of objects. We have become super subitisers in Nursery and can recognise how many objects we can see without counting them. Please practise this at home!



Understanding the World

We will be looking for signs of summer and developing our understanding of sun safety.

We will be spending time in our garden planting, growing and taking care of all living things including the minibeasts we find there. We will observe our caterpillars and watch them turn into butterflies, learning about the different stages. We will also be going on a trip to the zoo to see the butterflies with the Reception Class.

We will be looking at and understanding how some families have similar everyday routines and interests and developing an awareness of some differences between ourselves and other families.

We will continue our Jerriais Forest School with Robyn Conway, where the children are learning Jerriais through singing and Forest School activities.



Expressive Arts and Design

In music this term the children will be exploring their feelings and emotions. Music is an incredible tool to express our feelings through song, which we will do in some of the songs and warm ups, but we will also be exploring the breadth of different emotions through sounds and music that we listen to.

What do certain sounds make us feel? How could we express our own feelings through the sounds and music that we make? Children will have to opportunity to learn new songs and play a variety of percussion instruments from our music room.

We will be joining material together using Sellotape, glue, split pins etc to make caterpillars and painting symmetrical butterfly paintings.



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Reminders

Please remember to always have spare clean clothes for your child in school at all times.

Please check that all clothes are labelled and that they still fit!

Please make sure your child has a sun hat in Nursery and all-day sun cream is applied before they come to school.

Please get in touch if you have any questions or queries either in person or via Seesaw

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 4th May	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 5th May	School Disco
Friday 15th May	Surf to School Day
Monday 18th May (all week)	Walk to School Week, please sign up to the walking bus
Monday 25th May- Friday 29th May	Half Term
Friday 5th June	Trip to Millbrook Park – Story Trail
Tuesday 17th June morning	Trip to the zoo. Date TBC, more info to follow
Friday 26th June	Whole School Walk
Thursday 2nd July	Transition Day
Wednesday 8th July	Sports Day Reception and Nursery AM Year 1-6 PM More information to follow.
Friday 10th July	Wimbledon Tea Party- Children to come to school dressed in their tennis whites. The children will be learning to play tennis, learning about Wimbledon and tasting strawberries and cream on our own 'Henman Hill'
Wednesday 15th July	School Fair. 2-4pm More information to follow.
Friday 17th July	End of Term

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