

EYFS (Reception) Learning Letter (Autumn 1)

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Issue 1

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teaches on a Wednesday morning up until break.



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EYFS Learning News

Welcome to Autumn 1!

Welcome...

It's been great to meet so many of you and to welcome your children to Bridport Primary School. We are really looking forward to building new and lasting relationships with you all; these will ensure your child's first year at school is happy and as productive as possible. In EYFS (the Reception year) we structure our classroom learning to include all seven areas of the curriculum. Each morning we encourage you to come in and complete a quiet settling activity with your child. This is not only a time to settle your child for the day ahead, but also time to talk to a member of staff if you have any questions to ask or information to share. When the tambourine is heard the children will be expected to say goodbye and sit on the carpet ready for the register.

We now go by class names: Mrs Fowlers is Watton A and Mrs Matthews is Watton B.

Upcoming Events

- ◆ Monday 25th September - last day for 'Mighty Me' sheets to be returned.
- ◆ Tuesday 26th September come to school as a superhero-celebrating Batman day!
- ◆ Thursday 28th September Coffee Morning for parents at 9am. Come and find out about your child's phonics and reading
- ◆ Fri 29th Sep Harvest Celebration - donations welcome
- ◆ Half Term Monday 23rd October

Key Workers

Our school uses a key worker approach in our Foundation Stage classes. This means each member of staff has a group of children for whom they are particularly responsible. Your child's key worker will be the person who works with you to make sure that what we provide is right for your child's particular needs and interests. Class teachers still have overall responsibility for the children in their class and Teaching and Learning Assistants (TLAs) will take certain responsibilities, such as recording achievements in Learning Journey books, reading and general liaison with parents and carers.

You will be notified who your child's key worker is week commencing Monday 25th September.



I'm a superhero too!

Our main theme this term is 'I'm a superhero too!' In school the children will be chatting about their families, feelings and what's important to them. They will have a chance to share their news, favourite foods, games and what they like to do best! **Your child has already taken home a piece of paper for 'Mighty Me'**. This is a great opportunity for you to give us a true picture of your child. If you have already returned it, thank you, if not please return it to school by Monday 25th September. We look forward to your child sharing and celebrating this information when they bring it into school. They will also have an opportunity to learn about their own super senses.

What we will be learning across the curriculum...

Phonics (letters & sounds) - From the beginning of term we introduce 'Letters and Sounds'. Through this programme, your child will be taught a weekly set of sounds that they will become familiar with in preparation for reading and writing.

Reading - As we progress with letter/sound recognition we will introduce reading books. Your child will bring home their first reading book on **Monday 2nd October**. Share the book, talk about the pictures and see if they recognise any of the sounds. It is a time to enjoy looking at a book together, don't worry if they are not ready to 'read'. We know that many of you already enjoy reading time with your child - enjoying stories tales and poems! Great! Reading is very much the root of and route to learning.

Writing - In school we encourage the children to write their name and use the letter sounds they have learnt to 'have a go'. This can be using chalk, shaving foam, water and paint brushes - it does not have to just be on paper!

School Routines

Your children are already settling into our school routines well. Here are a few reminders to help them and you make the transition as smooth as possible.

- **Self-registering** - Please encourage your child to find their picture with their name on it when they arrive in the morning. They self-register by sticking their picture onto a number on the sea-life spaces.
- **Book Bags** - All letters are placed inside book bags so please check them regularly. If your child does not have a book bag, letters will be paced in their tray.
- **Drinks and Fruit** - Children have access to water throughout the day and fresh fruit at breaktime.
- **Lunches** - If your child has a packed lunch, please ensure it contains healthy options. We are a **nut-free school** so please ensure your child's lunch does not contain any foods that contain nuts, including chocolate spread.
- **PE** - Will be on Fridays. Please ensure your child has their coloured t-shirt and shorts in school.

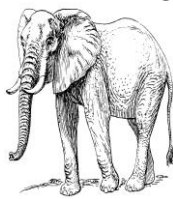
Meet our 6Rs animals, you will be seeing a lot of them during your child's time at BPS!



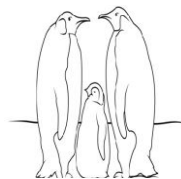
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Meerkat



Resourceful
Hamster



Resilient
Elephant



Responsible
Penguin



Reflective
Owl



Reasoning
Monkey

Home Learning ideas...

Things to think about:

- **Encourage independence:** Encourage your child to start getting dressed by themselves or finding their peg and tray in school. We have **WOW cheques** in school to celebrate what your child does at home... anything from brushing their teeth by themselves - to challenging themselves to do something new.
- **Recognising their name.**
- **Websites to encourage fun learning.**

www.phonicsplay.co.uk - great games that link to our phonics learning.

www.ictgames.com/literacy

www.cbeebies.co.uk - great games and programs to support all areas of learning.