

Welcome

We offer a big welcome to all the children and their families. We hope that all the children soon feel settled at King's Meadow. We have been very impressed at how all the children have confidently sorted their coats and shoes. We look forward to welcoming our Nursery children on 18th September. We shall be covering the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) curriculum. This term our theme is 'Celebrations' We also have fortnightly topics of: All about me, Bread, Rhyming, Diwali, Autumn, People who help us and Christmas. Throughout the year, we supplement our planning with the children's own interests. Here is an outline of some of the exciting activities that we have planned.

Prime Areas

- **Personal, Social and Emotional development:** creating our 'Good Choices' which includes the expected behaviour in the setting. Learning how to look after our classrooms and the garden.
- **Communication and Language:** developing our speaking and listening skills in circle time games and learning the names of the other children in our key group. Joining in with the repetition of text in stories and rhymes.

- **Physical development:** learning the importance of hand washing when we have our snack and lunch. Moving freely and safely in the hall and outside areas, while having an awareness of others. Following the safety instructions with regard to the climbing frame and hall equipment.

Specific Areas

- **Literacy:** Reading: reciting traditional poems and rhymes and creating a sack of props. Exploring environmental sounds. Playing with rhyme and alliteration.
Writing: having the confidence to make marks, use known letters from their name and use their phonic knowledge to write initial sounds in words.
- **Mathematics:** Matching quantities to numbers, sorting objects into sets and recognising one more or less. Data handling and creating patterns. Recognising 2D shapes. Comparing sizes and lengths
- **Understanding the world:** Celebrating birthdays, Diwali (Hindu festival of light) and Christmas. Taking a walk in our local community to the shop to buy cooking ingredients. Making bread and tasting bread from around the world. Picking produce from our garden such as blackberries and making crumble. Watching a pumpkin decay. Melting chocolate. Bird watching and feeding.

Recognising Autumn and the changes in the weather. Learning about the people who help us in our local community.

- **Expressive arts and design:** learning traditional songs. Creating textured self-portraits, making observational drawings, designing wrapping paper, Class assemblies and our FS Nativity show. Large scale group projects. Mendi patterns and exploring clay.

Phonics

We follow the government synthetic phonics scheme "Letters and Sounds". We also supplement this with the "Jolly Phonic" mnemonic (memory) actions. In Phase 1, children learn to discriminate sounds, including environmental, musical, body percussion and voice sounds. At this stage in children's development, rhythm, rhyme and alliteration are very important, so do please read lots of Nursery Rhymes at home to support our work in class.

When they are ready, children progress into Phase 2, where letter sounds are covered each week in the following order:

- 1) satp
- 2) inmd
- 3) gock
- 4) ck eur
- 5) hbf ff ll ss

All children will receive a reading diary which included all the phonemes (the sounds that letters make) with example words.

General

If you have any concerns please come and speak to us, we always have more time at the end of the day.

Your help is very much appreciated in the Foundation Stage. If you plan to come in and help, please complete a DBS form which can be collected from the school office.

Thank you for your weekly 50p contribution. We have lots of cooking and food tasting planned. We make good use of unwanted items so if you have any old land line phones, keys, small pieces of soft untreated wood and cardboard boxes, tubes, egg boxes etc.

Dates

- Mrs Obinna and Mrs Spearman will host a phonic and maths meeting to parents on Wednesday 4th October 2:15 pm in the FS.
- Parents evening meetings, 16th and 17th October.
- International Week 16th October the FS will focus of Spain. (any resources welcome)
- Calculation parent meeting 15th November 6:00-7:30pm
- Christmas craft and jumper day 1st December (parent helpers needed)
- School Pantomime visit to Oxford 12th December
- Foundation Stage Nativity to parents 11th December 2pm

Curriculum Newsletter



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Celebrations

