

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 that most of the children are trying to be independent. We shall be covering the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) curriculum. This term our theme is 'Celebrations'. We also have mini topics: All about me, Bread, Diwali, Autumn, People who help us and Christmas. You can find out more on our medium term plans on the school website. Throughout the year, we supplement our planning with the children's own interests. Here is an outline of some of the areas we will be covering:

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. Listening and speaking to our visitors.

- **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. Learning how to use the woodwork table safely.

Specific Areas

- **Literacy:** Reading: reciting traditional poems and rhymes. Exploring environmental sounds. Playing with rhyme and alliteration. Learning initial letter sounds.
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:** focusing on 1-5, then 1-10. 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. Recognising Autumn and the changes in the weather. Learning about the people who help us in our local community with visiting speakers. (If you would like to come in and talk about your profession with the children, please let us know.)

- **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 later in the term.

General

If you have any concerns please come and speak to us- we tend to 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 kitchen roll tubes, pieces of soft untreated wood, corks, small boxes, washed yoghurt pots etc.

Dates

- Phonics and maths meeting Tuesday 18th September at 2:15 pm in the hall.
- PTA disco Friday 5th October 6-7pm
- Reception Harvest songs in the hall to parents Thursday 11th October 9am.
- Parents evening meetings Monday 15th and 16th October.
- International Week 15th October the FS will focus of the Netherlands (any resources welcome).
- Book share (come in and read stories with your child from 9-9.30) Tuesday 25th September, Wednesday 31st October, 22nd November
- Christmas craft and non-uniform day Friday 30th November (parent helpers needed)
- School Pantomime visit Thursday 6th December
- PTA Christmas Fayre Friday 7th December
- Foundation Stage Nativity to parents Tuesday 18th December 2pm
- Reception party (come dressed in party clothes) Thursday 20th December
- Carol service (wear Christmas jumper) Friday 21st December
- End of term Friday 21st December 1.30pm

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Celebrations

