

**Dodford First School**

**Communication and Language**  
**Speaking and Listening**

The children will have opportunities to develop their speaking and listening skills through circle time, story time and in day to day activities. They will be encouraged to look and listen when someone is talking and to take turns to speak to develop conversation.

**Literacy**

Daily phonics sessions take place throughout the school year. To start, the children will take part in a few phase 1 activities which gets the children attuned to the sounds around them and ready to begin developing oral blending and segmenting skills. After a few weeks, the children will go onto phase 2 and begin to learn letter sounds. Daily phonics activities have a real impact on the children's progress with language, reading and writing. They will learn how to form each letter using cursive handwriting. Every child will be given a phonics book to help them learn each letter and sound at school and at home.

There is a wide selection of both fiction and non-fiction books within the school library. The children will visit the school library every other Wednesday in order to renew or change their library book. In addition, the children will also have two books issued on Bug Club per week and one book from the reading scheme, allowing for the opportunity to develop and apply their skills in reading.

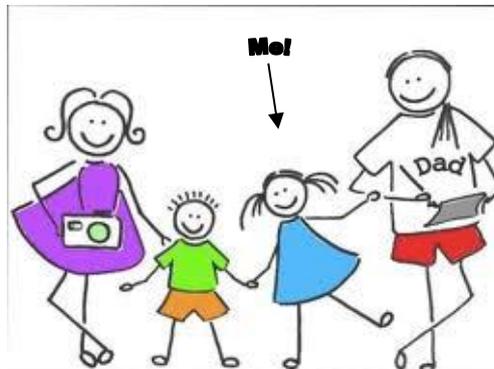
**Outdoor Learning**

Outdoor learning is a very important part of the Foundation Stage Curriculum. The children are able to play in the outdoor area throughout the day and complete a variety of challenges. We will engage in a number of nature inspired activities in the School Garden every Monday afternoon. We go out in all weather, so please provide wellingtons. School will provide all weather overalls and coat for school garden activities. Please provide a coat for playground fun and games.

**Marvellous Me!**

**Topic Overview**

Welcome to the first term of school. This term the topic is Marvellous Me! Within this topic, the children will find out about the body by exploring senses, movement, the structure of their body and emotions. They will meet new people and begin to develop new friendships – they'll learn about one another and become familiar with their new school.



**Mathematics**

A range of maths activities will be accessible to the children, including counting and recognising number, singing number rhymes, saying which number is one more or one less than any given number to 20 and exploring characteristics of everyday objects and shapes.

We incorporate maths whenever we can such as counting how many children are in the line, sharing counters, identifying a matching pair and much more!



**Understanding of the World**

The children will develop an understanding of the school rules and routine. The class will work together to create a classroom rules list, so they know each rule and understand its importance. We shall have fun exploring our senses through a variety of fun, hands on activities. The children will look at themselves and how they have developed from a baby. They will also look at their family and who is a part of it.

The children will have the freedom to explore the technical toys within the classroom such as Rugged Racers and Beebots. They will also have the opportunity to operate a laptop and iPad, accessing age appropriate and educational apps and programmes to allow for the development of ICT skills.

**Personal, Social and Emotional Development**

The children will explore what it means to be healthy, including the need for sleep, exercise and healthy food and drink. They will learn some basic hygiene routines, including toileting and washing hands and understand the importance of good hygiene and cleanliness.

**Expressive Arts and Design**

The children will have opportunities to explore and create using a variety of media. These experiences will take place both indoors and out. They will create constructions, collages, paintings and drawings throughout our theme work.

**Physical Development**

On Thursday mornings, the children will develop their throwing and catching skills, and take part in team building games within PE. Fine motor skills will be developed through a range of activities to enhance correct pencil grip and control.

**Key skills will be developed in all areas of the curriculum and learning will be linked to our Topic Focus wherever appropriate**

Outside in all Weathers!



Please leave a pair of named wellingtons at school for your child.

It is a wonderful moment when your child learns to ride a bike or swim. Please capture each of your child's achievements in a star, so we can celebrate and treasure their accomplishment at school too! Each star will go in their Learning Journey to build a complete picture of your child's development.

### Show and Tell

Every Friday afternoon the children are given the opportunity to share their scrapbook or an item that is special to them with the rest of the class.

Please note, the item needs to be small enough to fit inside their book bag.

Let's get Creative!



We are always grateful for any boxes, ribbons, buttons or other resources for our craft area.