



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

One of the most important part of the Autumn Term is to teach your child how to recognise and spell their first name. They are helped by having their own name card as well as tray and coat peg labels within the classroom. Perhaps you could make a name card for your child so they can refer to it at home to! As well as writing their name, your child will engage in a variety of activities from phase 1 letters and sounds. The emphasis during Phase 1 is to get children attuned to the sounds around them and ready to begin developing oral blending and segmenting skills. This in turn builds the foundations to introduce phase 2 letters and sounds. To aid you at home, a the phase 2 letters and sounds has been compiled into booklet form and will be sent home when the phase is introduced later in the term. You can then help your child at home to learn the sounds taught within the classroom. You will know which letters and sounds have been taught each week because they will be written in the homework section of the school diary. The phonics scheme of work is to aid both reading and writing.

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; learning about one another and becoming familiar with their new school.

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Mathematics

Maths will be incorporated throughout the topic through a variety of purposeful tasks such as finding the tallest and shortest person in the class, measuring length of feet and standing with our feet in order of length from shortest to longest, and counting the number of fingers on one hand and then two hands. You could try some of the activities mentioned at home. It is important that they learn with actual objects before progressing to pictorial representations, and ultimately, abstract symbols.



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 walkie talkies 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 themed work.

Physical Development

On Thursday mornings, the children will learn how to use space 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.

A Message from Miss Stanley

It has been lovely to meet you all and it has been a delight to welcome new families to Dodford First School.

All the children have settled in well to Wren Class. Mrs Blacktop and I are thrilled to have such a wonderful cohort of children. You have probably noticed your little one becoming more tired and emotional than usual. As they gradually become familiar with their new routine they'll soon adjust to school life and hopefully be happy and content in their new surroundings.

Mrs Blacktop and I believe we are going to have a great year ahead!

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 your child's Learning Journey to build a complete picture of your child's development.



Gentle Reminder

Please send your child in with a coat to wear for break times. Your child's coat does need to be named. The all-weather overalls and coats within school that are usually used for the school garden can be borrowed if you forget your coat.

Let's get Creative!



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