



LEARNING LETTER

EYFS NURSERY - Mrs Foston, Mrs Webb & Mrs Roberts

Spring Term - January to February 2023



A BRAND NEW YEAR AND A BRAND NEW START...

A Big welcome awaits, for our new children and their families to the Bramley Vale Family! The Early Years team is excited to get started with a new term and for all our children to embark on new learning.

THIS TERM'S VALUE IS SENSE OF ADVENTURE - WITH AN **UTW** FOCUS

We will be covering the *Seven Areas of Learning* by linking with our carefully chosen weekly fiction and non-fiction topic books and drawing on previous learning and experiences through:

Personal, Social, Emotional Development (PSED): Continuing our focus on turn taking, understanding our feelings and the feelings of others, we will also learn about Being Safe at home, in school and out in the community alongside the people who help us. We will continue to promote independent dressing.

Understanding the World (UTW): Our Geography topic will take us on a journey around the UK as we learn about maps and geographical features. Helping us to answer the question 'Where is Paddington Bear?' We will take a walk into the community, to the Bramley Woods and finally create and follow our own maps.

Communication, Language and Literacy (CL/Lit): While engaging in positive interactions with adults, the children will enrich their language, thinking and cognitive skills. They will be encouraged to develop their listening skills to respond appropriately using -expanded key phrases, *what, who, where* and *when* questions and Makaton. New language acquisition will continue through our carefully selected topic books.

Physical Development (PD): The children will develop their **Agility, Balance, Co-ordination (ABC)** through funky fingers, dough disco, squiggle dance and sensory play-inside and outside. Activities supporting Gross and fine motor skills' development will promote pencil control in readiness for mark making and writing.

Mathematics (M): Noticing maths in our environment, we will continue our understanding of number through talk, number songs and rhymes, one to one touch counting, recognising numerals and assigning groups, solving everyday maths problems and beginning to make marks to denote number.

Expressive Arts and Design (EAD): The children will enjoy creating a collaborative map of the local community, their own map featuring familiar land marks and countless opportunities to be self-directed.

SUPPORTING LEARNING AT HOME

Reading a range of stories together each day will help your child develop a love of reading, learn new vocabulary AND earn **rewards** in our Reading Olympics. **Please don't forget to sign reading diaries!**

Homework will comprise several projects. Look out for the Homework Challenge flyer as we will be show-casing your child's work in the whole school assembly and our Entrance Lobby.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- School uniform should be worn every day. Place orders on the school app.
- Children need to come to school wearing **PE** kit on each **Tuesday**.
- Snack money is 20p a day. Please ask your child to post monies in the box situated in the Lobby area.
- Please ensure your child has a complete change of **NAMED** clothes in school and wellies!
- Name** all your child's belongings including: water bottles, shoes and clothes to avoid loss.
- Library** day is **Thursday**- we swap books weekly. Please ensure library books & reading diaries are in school on Thursdays, so we can count up home reading for Mr Rumsby and the Reading Olympics.
- Woodland Wednesday** will continue weekly- weather permitting **Share a book Tuesday** will continue too.
- We are **always** happy to discuss your child with you if you have any questions or concerns.
- Please check the school newsletter each week for upcoming events and the school blog on our website.



NURSERY DROP OFF AND PICK UP TIMES

Our day of learning starts at 9am and 1pm prompt, so please ensure you drop off your child at 8.45 and 12:55 so we do not miss a minute of the fun!

