

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We will be getting to know our classroom and school, learning our routines and important school rules that help to keep everyone safe and happy. We'll also be learning to make new friends and talking about what makes each of us special! In 'exploring time' we will be learning to play nicely together and share when exploring our new toys and resources. Stories will help us to make sense of the different emotions we are feeling and we will start to talk to the grown ups around us so that they can help us when we need them.

Expressive Arts and Design

We love being creative and using our imaginations in Reception! This term we will be painting self portraits, drawing pictures of our families, learning to mix powder paints and creating our own bears in lots of different ways! We'll also be singing songs, using percussion instruments and making up shows with our friends.



Literacy - Learning to read and write

Class booktime will quickly become a favourite part of our day! Below are some of the stories we'll be reading together this term. When we start school full time we will have a daily phonics lesson which will help us to learn to read and write. To help us get ready to write, we will be joining in with lots of fun activities (eg, giant chinks, mud play, playdough, tweezer games, climbing frame, ball games) to help us develop our gross and fine motor skills. Alongside this, we will have a go at writing our letter shapes and we will be learning to write our names too.



Communication and Language At school, we love listening and joining in with stories, songs and rhymes, and we make time for this every day. We are also learning to talk and listen carefully to each other when we are making up games and playing inside and outside the classroom. During the day we have 'carpet times' when we all come together and find out what everyone has been up to. We put our hands up when we want to say something, and use this time to listen, learn and have a go at new things altogether.

My Bear and Me



Welcome to Fynamore!

Here is an overview of our curriculum in Reception for Term 1. We also plan activities and learning around your children's interests. Every Friday, each class will send home a weekly bulletin via Seesaw which will include photos of the children, showcasing the wonderful activities and learning that has taken place across the week. This is a great way for the children to share with you and family members what they've been up to!

If you have any queries, please catch us at the end of the school day (once we've dismissed all the children safely) and we'll be happy to help. For any urgent messages in the morning, please either contact us via Seesaw or let the office know.

News and updates To keep updated with class and school news, please make sure you:

- are registered on Seesaw
- can access parentmail
- Check our facebook page

Physical Development Being active regularly is vital in children's all-round development, enabling them to pursue happy and healthy lives. That's why every day, we will spend time outside, and experience a range of activities across the school year. Being dressed appropriately is key - eg, gloves, hats and a warm coat on cold or rainy days and lighter clothing, sun hat, suncream for warmer days. As part of our physical development, we'll be learning some self care skills; putting on our coats and messy play aprons by ourselves, going to the toilet independently, as well as changing into wellies on rainy days. Practising these skills at home will help us to feel more confident at school.



Maths

We will be counting sticks, toys, pebbles, leaves, skips and jumps accurately as well as learning to 'subitize' (see how many there are without counting). We will be noticing and making simple patterns and exploring how to sort different objects. These skills will help us to recognize number patterns later in the year. We will also enjoy measuring in maths lessons and during our play in 'exploring time' sessions.



Understanding the World

We love learning about the world around us and after an 'induction' into the Reception garden, we'll be exploring natural materials, learning how to care for all creatures that live outside and noticing how the world is changing around us. We'll also be learning about different families and talking about how special our own families are.

We'll have regular welly walks so please provide your child with a pair of named wellies to keep at school. Please come and talk to us if this is tricky as we do have lots of spare pairs.

