

This term at Busy Bees

Pre-school.....



For the rest of your child's time with us we shall be focussing on school readiness.

The most important skills are independence, sitting and listening, following instructions and getting along with others. We shall be consolidating early literacy and maths skills and most importantly building children's confidence to keep trying and have a go at new things.

Language we are promoting.....

We are promoting social words and phrases which will be useful in school such as please, thank you and excuse me. Also, things like...Please can I have a turn? Please can you help me?

To support learning at home you might like to.....

Encourage independence as much as possible. Can your child dress and undress by themselves? Put on their shoes and coat? Can your child carry their own plate to the kitchen? Eat with cutlery? Use the toilet all by themselves? Tidy up when asked, putting things back where they belong? Build up slowly and patiently with plenty of praise.

Play I-spy. This can be a good game to pass the time on car journeys or walking home. It's great for developing an awareness of the initial sounds of words. Remember to use the phonic sound rather than letter name. When playing this game, it's important to make the sounds cleanly without adding additional 'uh' sounds. For example ssss not suh and t not tuh. A cardboard tube telescope will add to the fun!

Activities

Just a taste of what your child will have the opportunity to do over the coming weeks....

Explore sand on a large scale. This requires children to follow rules and boundaries e.g. remembering how many people can be in the sand pit and where can we transport sand to and from.

Playing on the school field. This will be a new experience and a much bigger environment. Children will need to follow instructions to keep safe.

Blending sounds to form words and segmenting them back into sounds. We do this through a range of fun games and is a crucial skill needed for reading and writing. The letter shape is not introduced until later on, it's all about sounds at this stage.

For more information about our curriculum, the EYFS and how you can help your child at home please visit our website www.busybeespreschool.org.uk or www.foundationyears.org.uk

We love hearing all about your learning at home. You can email photos to enquiries@busybeespreschool.org.uk