



Early Years Unit

Autumn 1 Newsletter



Polar Bear Class - Reception

Miss Lister, Mrs Abel, Mrs Manning & Mrs Roebuck

Turtle Class - Nursery

Welcome to the Early Years Unit!

We are happy to say that all the children have settled well and we are all looking forward to getting to know you and your children very well over the coming year. The start of the school day is at 8:50am and the gates will be closed at 9:00am for the safety of all children.

This first half term is an important one in Nursery and Reception. Our main themes will be 'All about me' and 'Our world', but we will work with your children's interests as much as possible.

Reception children are following the Read Write Inc (RWI) scheme for phonics, and will be learning a new sound everyday, as well as practicing blending sounds together to begin to read simple words. Once we feel your child is confident with some sounds, and is able to blend sounds together to read words, we will start sending reading books home. We change reading books twice each week, on a **Tuesday and a Thursday**. Please make sure you write a comment in the reading record and return it with the reading book every day.

Please ensure that all of your child's uniform is clearly labelled and regularly checked as this will prevent items being misplaced. We encourage all Nursery children have a spare set of clothes in school at all times.



Learning and exploring outside is an important part of our curriculum and a huge part of our day. We learn outside in all weathers. Please ensure that your child comes to school with a **named** coat and wellies which is suitable for the cold and wet weather.

PE is on a Monday and Thursday.

Please ensure that your child has a **named school PE kit for all sessions**, including; pumps, black shorts and a white t-shirt. Please ensure that these items are in a **regular pump bag** which will fit on your child's peg. Please also make sure any earrings are removed or covered up before your child comes into school on these days.

All children are encouraged to bring a water bottle from home which they can access during the day. Please ensure that your child's water bottle is labelled and taken home daily.

Junk modelling

Your junk is your child's next creation. If you have any cardboard boxes, tubes, yoghurt pots and plastic tubs at home please wash them out and send them into school.

Snack Money

We kindly ask for a weekly contribution of 50p. This enables us to do different activities with your child such as; planting, baking and trying different foods.

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If you have any questions or concerns please speak to a member of EYFS staff. If the problem/question cannot be resolved at the time, a mutually convenient time will be arranged to meet to discuss further. Should you wish to speak to Miss Lister, please do so at the end of the school day unless it is an urgent matter or alternatively contact main reception to make an appointment.

Our focus in a morning is getting the children into school safely and ready to start their busy day!

Book bags and reading books need to be in school every day.

We thank you for your co-operation with this.

Family Tree



During this half-term, we want to get to know the children and learn about their lives outside of school. Please can you send photos of your family into school for us to talk about? We will photocopy them and send them back to you as soon as possible. Alternatively, you can email them to admin@brighterfuturesmat.org.uk, please put 'Early Years Family photos' as the subject and your child's names in the main body of the email. Thank you for your continued support.

Read Write Inc
Desktop Speed Sounds Chart

Speed Sounds Set 1

m	a	s	d	t
m	a	s	d	t
i	n	p	g	o
i	n	p	g	o
c	k	u	b	f
c	k	u	b	f
e	l	h	sh	r
e	l	h	sh	r
j	v	y	w	th
j	v	y	w	th
z	ch	qu	x	ng
z	ch	qu	x	nk

Read Write Inc

Reception children will have daily sound homework. Please support your child with this activity and return the purple book to school every day.

Please encourage your child to form the letters correctly. The Read Write Inc rhymes are printed on each sound sheet.

Purple sound books needs to be returned to school every day.