



FOUNDATION 2

NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN
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Welcome

Welcome to Foundation 2 at Abbey Gates. We hope that you all had a wonderful summer break. We know that starting school full time can be an anxious time for children and parents, but please be assured that we will do everything possible to support you and your child during this transition. We already have lots of exciting things planned and are looking forward to a year packed full of new learning and making memories together. In this newsletter, you will find an overview our learning, some important information and dates for your diary. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Mrs Bowell and Mrs O'Dea



Important information

- Please clearly label all belongings.
- Our PE day is Wednesday. Children should come to school in their PE uniform.
- Please ensure that your child arrives at school promptly for 8.50am.
- We visit the library fortnightly and appreciate any volunteers to come with us. We will leave school at 10:45am and be back at school by 11:45am.

Our learning

PHONICS

We will begin by consolidating the children's listening and attention skills before moving on to Phase 2. During this phase, children will learn to read and write new graphemes and use these skills to read and write words. They will also learn how to read and write tricky words, which cannot be decoded or blended. We will be sharing more information about our approach to teaching phonics during our Parent Information meeting on Thursday 10th September.

MATHS

We will be learning to match, sort and compare objects and quantities, explore measure and pattern and further deepen our understanding of 1, 2 and 3 by investigating composition and embedding our subitising skills.

LITERACY

During our literacy sessions, we will be exploring key texts through story maps, repetition, innovation and invention; developing our communication and language skills alongside developing a love of reading.

We will also have daily drawing club sessions - where we explore characters, settings and go on exciting adventures - developing our imagination and applying our phonics skills in our writing.





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Our learning

WIDER CURRICULUM

PSHE: me and my family

PE: gymnastics

Understanding the world: humans,
change over time, seasons, Harvest,
baking.

Expressive arts and design: action songs
and rhymes, drawing with different tools,
patterns in nature.

Fruit and Milk

Every child in F2 will be provided with a piece of fruit each morning. Children are also offered a cup of milk during this time - parents must register with 'cool milk' for their child to be added to the list. When children reach the age of 5, this milk has to be paid for via the cool milk website.

Enrichment

In order to provide a range of enrichment activities, we would greatly appreciate parent donations to our enrichment fund.

We ask for a voluntary donation of £2 per term (or £6 for the year). Donations can be made via the school gateway. We thank you in advance for your support.

Tapestry

We use tapestry to document your child's learning journey across the foundation stage. This is a useful tool to allow you to see what your child has been learning in school and for you to upload your own observations of your child's experiences outside of school. We will also share memos with important information and reminders. Please ensure that your tapestry account is up and running and that you check it regularly. If you have any problems setting up your account, please pop and see us.

Exploring outdoors

We love to explore outdoors in F2 and will be trekking, playing and discovering in all weathers. Please ensure that your child has a pair of wellies in school and a weather appropriate coat every day.

The Family Box

Each week, a child will be chosen to take home our Family Box. This is an opportunity for children to bring in items, photographs and other important things that represent their family, culture and identity to share and celebrate with the rest of the class during a session the following week.