



EYFS Autumn 1 Curriculum Letter



Welcome to Queens Drive Primary School! The EYFS staff are very excited about welcoming all the children to Queens Drive over the next week or so.

You will receive a curriculum letter and knowledge organiser every half term so you can see what the children will be learning during the term.

Staffing:

Class 1 - Mrs Robertson (Monday-Thursday), Mrs Thackeray (All week) Miss Boyes (Fridays only)

Class 2 - Mrs Farrington (All week), Miss Moss (All week)

Mrs Patel works in both EYFS on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays

Curriculum

The main focus of our work in school this half term is to settle into school life. We will be getting used to:

- school routines
- expectations of behaviour
- becoming familiar and exploring our new learning environment
- building relationships and trust with the adults that work with us

As we are following the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum we will be developing our characteristics of effective learning by:

- Staying focused in our play
- Thinking carefully about our learning
- Being imaginative in what we do

Our Prime areas of learning will include:

Physical development

- Funky Fingers activities to improve and develop fine motor skills
- Handwriting patterns to introduce letter formation in readiness for cursive writing
- Developing a firmer pencil grip when writing
- Weekly P.E. sessions to develop running, throwing and jumping
- Weekly yoga sessions to help physical development and mindfulness

Communication and language

- Focused smaller group carpet time sessions where children listen and respond to questions asked
- Sharing ideas with a group or in pairs
- Following instructions to complete tasks

Personal, social and emotional development

- Working co-operatively
- Taking turns and sharing fairly
- Planning how to use resources

Our Specific areas of learning will include:

Literacy:

- Listening and responding to stories about starting school, houses and homes and traditional tales such as the Gingerbread Man, Rapunzel, Goldilocks and the Three Bears
- Exploring the places where stories are set and retelling stories through role play and small world

- Developing writing skills by completing emergent writing tasks in teacher led sessions
- Daily phonics sessions where we will orally blend and segment words and begin to hear, read and write phase 2 phonemes

Mathematics:

- Recognising numbers to at least 10
- Reading and writing numbers to 10
- Counting out objects correctly
- Beginning to order numbers to 10
- Recognising 2D shapes
- Recognising the numbers we see around us
- Measure how long something is and compare lengths of objects

Understanding the World:

- Exploring Houses and Homes - please see Knowledge organiser for further information
- Finding out about the different cultures and beliefs of the children in our class
- Investigating our school grounds and knowing where the different places in our school are
- Finding different types of technology used in our classroom and school and looking at their uses

Expressive Arts and Design:

- Retelling stories through role play
- Making junk modelling houses
- Painting, drawing and creating shape collages of houses
- Singing songs and rhymes that are familiar to us

You can help your child by:

- Reading at home to your child books they enjoy and traditional tales such as Red Riding Hood, The Three Little Pigs, Cinderella, Goldilocks
- Singing nursery rhymes to them and with them
- Playing games with your child where they take turns, share and wait for others
- Talk to them about your house and what kind of house it is. Look at the houses around them and how they are different and the same. Look at house numbers and different shaped windows and doors
- Practising getting dressed and undressed by themselves in preparation for P.E. sessions
- Helping them to write their name and numbers up to 10

Useful information:

Please note we will be starting our P.E. sessions in the week beginning 21st September. In this half term our P.E. sessions will be:

Class 1 Thursday and Friday

Class 2 Tuesday and Wednesday

Please could you ensure your child has a full school P.E. kit including pumps and for safety reasons we would appreciate it if your child did not wear earrings on the days they do P.E.

Celebrating achievements:

Each week the class teacher will choose children to receive special achievement certificates. They will be presented in class and the child chosen has the opportunity to wear their school uniform the following Monday as a special treat. We will let you know who has been chosen using Seesaw or Parent App.

The EYFS team