



Early Years Foundation Stage

Learning in Foundation Stage

Autumn 1st half term 2023

In Foundation Stage, we believe that young children learn best through play and following their own interests. With this in mind, we decide on a theme for each half term, but this will often change direction based on the children's' ideas and fascinations.

Children in our Foundation Stage learn by exploring and investigating our areas of provision, in which resources and activities are set to challenge and extend learning and development.

In addition to our engaging indoor and outdoor provision, children take part in daily focused activities in which they are directly taught skills and knowledge in reading, writing and mathematics.

We are really looking forward to meeting you and getting to know you all over this first half term.

We will be reading lots of books about starting school and what makes us special. We will be doing lots of speaking and listening activities around our topic, as well as practising our name writing and creating art work about ourselves and our families.

We will be starting daily phonics sessions in week 2 and we follow the 'Read Write Inc' phonics programme.

In maths we will be focusing on careful counting, working with numbers 1-5 and shapes - circle, triangle, square and rectangle. We use White Rose Maths to support our mathematical understanding and development.

You will be introduced to our class mascots, Pedro the Penguin and his little brother Piccolo. Our mascots stay with a different child each weekend - they are looking forward to staying with you already!