

Barleyhurst Park Primary School

Welcome to
lion class



'Ourselves' Lion class



Welcome to all our new children and parents. Mrs Wolfe is the class teachers. Mrs Black, Miss Hodgson and Miss Way are the teaching assistants within the class who are here to support the teachers and the children.



This half term the children will be thinking about themselves and each other. We hope that through this topic we will get to know all the children a little better.

Settling in

First and foremost, we aim to settle your child into a routine which is both secure for them and also flexible enough to be exciting. The children will be learning to care for their own property and ask for help when needed. They will also be getting to know the adults in the school and more importantly making new friends.



It is a time when they are expected to participate in much larger groups than they are probably used to. They will be learning to take turns and put their hands up to answer a question or be part of a class discussion. These things do not always come easily, but are always positively encouraged.

What the children will be learning

Communication, Language and Literacy

The children will be learning:

- Development of letter recognition and formation.
- Development of reading skills and enjoyment of books through individual group and whole class reading.
- Opportunities to practise emergent writing.
- Name recognition and name writing.



Mathematics

The children will be learning:

- Counting games
- Counting out given amounts and labelling the amount.
- Reading, writing, ordering and counting numbers 1 to 10 and beyond.
- Development of mathematical language through play.



Understanding the world



The children will be thinking about their:

- Family
- Feelings
- Home and school community

Expressive arts and design

The children will be using and developing their artist skills to create their own:

- Collage self portraits
- Pictures of a family member using a computer program.
- Photo frames
- Musical instruments
- Collage, painting and printing using a variety of mediums.



The children will be able to enjoy a number of different role play experiences.

Personal, Social and Emotional development

The children will be carrying out:

- Activities to encourage independence, concentration and confidence.
- Create classroom values which the children follow and believe in.
- Learning together skills (as part of our whole school Learning and life skills approach)



Physical development

The children will be learning:



- Awareness of space during P.E sessions.
- Using large and small play equipment.
- Catching, footwork and travelling actions.
- Get undressed and dressed after P.E sessions.
- Holding a pencil to form some recognisable letters

Your support

We hope you can assist your child in their learning by:

- Reading different types of texts with them regularly,
- Helping them to learn their key words and sounds weekly,
- Completing short learning journal tasks,
- Reminding them to bring their reading book to school every day.



We will send more information about this in the coming weeks.

Please find in your child's book bag some yellow stars. We want to celebrate what's happening at home, as well as school. It could be something like moving up swimming groups or eating peas at dinner time without moaning! Please write down your child's success and we will share, celebrate and display it.



Lions go to the library every Friday. Please make sure your child has their library book in their book bag every Friday, ready for a new one.

Hopefully you should have received your email from Tapestry to activate your account. If you would like to make an observation (celebrating something wonderful at home) or email me click on the blue tab 'add observation', give it a title, make your comments in the notes section and attach a photograph if you wish.

Children should come dressed in their P.E kit on Mondays and Wednesdays.

Important dates:

Specialist week is 'Book week' - Monday 19th October - Information to follow

Autumn 2019 Half Term Break- Week beginning - Monday 26th October

Thank you for your support.



Mrs Wolfe