

Welcome to Foundation!

We hope you have had a wonderful summer holiday and that your children are rested and ready to do lots of learning! Our first topic is 'Marvellous Me!'. We will be learning all about ourselves and the people in our families - What makes us special and who are the people who are special to us? Any photographs of your children, their brothers and sisters, grandparents etc that you can send in for us to share and talk about would be great!

In order to encourage the children to develop their communication skills we will have 'Wonderful Wednesday' show and tell sessions. Our first session (Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup>) will be all about what we did in the holidays, so please send in any photographs etc that the children can share with their friends.

In literacy we will be sharing the story of 'Harry and the dinosaurs go to school' and relating this to our own experiences. We will also be developing our phonic skills and learning how to read and write key words. Extra practice will be sent home so that you can help your child with their learning.

In maths we will continue to develop our knowledge of shape, colour and number. In particular we will be focusing on developing our ability to count using one to one correspondence (one number for each object) and to rote count. Any counting practice you can do at home would be very helpful.

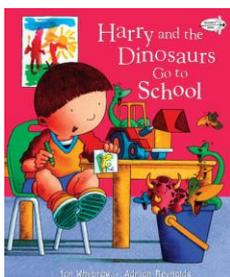
P.E. will take place on a Friday morning and we will be learning how to move in different ways. Please can your child bring in a pair of shorts, a T-shirt and some pumps in a suitable bag and we will keep them in school and send them home at half term so they can be washed. Please make sure all clothes have your child's name in them.

We will have gardening with Hannah every Monday morning and dance on a Tuesday. Library books will be changed every Monday. Please remember to complete the yellow comments book to let us know if your child enjoyed the story and any language they used when you shared the book.

Our focus for BLP this half term is perseverance and how we should keep on trying when things are hard for us. Reception will also continue to develop our understanding of the rights of the child by focusing on the right of children to relax and play (Article 31) and the right for all children to the best possible health (Article 24).

Thank you in advance for all your support. We look forward to working with you!

The Foundation Team



# What's on: Autumn A

## Year 1 Buttercups



Welcome back, everyone! We start our learning this half term with our topic "It's good to be me". During this time, the children will be sharing their likes and dislikes, thinking about numbers in their own lives, learning about the parts of their body and creating self portraits. We will take this opportunity to get to know each other and help the children to become familiar with their new classroom environment and routines.

Your child will contribute to our class charter and help to decide what we all need to do in school to ensure that we are creating a happy and safe learning environment. They will continue to learn about their rights throughout their learning. This links with UNICEF's Rights of the Child, in particular Article 42 which states that children should know about their rights.

We will then begin our next topic "Food, glorious food" where we will learn about the importance of food, food chains and much more. Following this, we will begin our "Kings and Queens" topic where we will be learning about Elizabeth I and Queen Victoria. Any additional learning you do at home with your child around these topics would be really beneficial to their work in the classroom.

During PE this term, the children will be developing their ball skills. PE is every **Thursday**; please ensure your child has the correct PE kit (t-shirt, shorts and pumps) and that it is named. Also, swimming will take place every **Friday**; please ensure that your child brings in a bag containing a towel and swimming costume/shorts which is all named.

Home learning will be set on a **Friday** and will need to be returned to school the following **Wednesday**. Please also ensure to hear your child read their reading book and record this in their yellow reading record.

We look forward to working with you this year and thank you for all of your support.

Miss Firstbrook, Mrs Shuck-Poutney and Miss Slade





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## Year 2 Sweetpeas

Welcome back for the new school year!

Year 2 Sweetpeas are starting off the Autumn Term learning about ourselves and each other. We will be learning to recognise and talk about our own emotions. We will use our BLP focus on perseverance to help us talk about how to manage when we are finding things difficult.

We will also be investigating the geography of our school environment and creating an array of wonderful self-portraits in the style of different artists. As a UNICEF rights respecting school, we will continue to remember that we have a right to be healthy, educated and safe. Our new class Charter of Rights will be written and signed by us all. Through our discussions about rules and rights, we will also learn about different religions and the rules they live by. We will learn about how religious belief affects the choices people make.

Maths will focus on measuring length, height and capacity. We will also be revising our calculation skills and counting in 2s and 5s.

We are looking forward to discovering new foods, trying out some cookery skills and visiting the City Kitchen as part of our theme 'Food'. We will see how school dinners are planned and prepared for all of the children in Birmingham and also make our own lunches. We will write our own menus and food reviews and will carry out some Science investigations into the different foods animals eat and how they need food to survive.

The last theme of the half term will be 'Kings and Queens'. We will learn about Queen Elizabeth I and Queen Victoria and will create music for a royal banquet. We will read and write stories involving royal characters including some traditional tales.

Our PE sessions will focus on ball skills and will be on a Thursday morning, so please ensure your child has their PE kits in school, clearly labelled. Swimming will take place every Friday, so please ensure your child has a labelled, suitable swimming costume and towel in school every week.

Homework will come home on a Friday and will need to be returned by the following Wednesday. Spellings will go out at the same time and will be tested on a Thursday morning.

Next week, your child's log-ins for Purplemash, Mathletics and Bug Club will be sent home. Please encourage your child to use these at home as they are excellent resources for practising a wide range of skills.

Please also continue to read with your child as often as you can.

Thank you for your support

Miss Robinson and Mrs Coles



Welcome to Year 2F Rose. This half term will focus on "All About Me".

In English we will be writing about ourselves; what we look like, our likes and dislikes, our families and friends. We will also embed our phonics knowledge to help us with reading and spelling.

In Maths, we will be looking at counting, number recognition, number formation and addition.

In Science, we will be looking at animals including humans - how babies grow into adults and the basic needs of animals and humans.

In Art, we will be doing self-portraits. We will be learning about different portrait artists and their methods. In History, we will be comparing lives and work of Florence Nightingale and Edith Cavell, and why they are famous nurses.

For RE, we will look at how different faiths respond to the theme of light.

In PSHE, we will focus on recognising and managing our emotions. In Computing, we will focus on e-safety. The BLP (Building Learning Power) focus is Resilience, encouraging the children to persevere with a task, even if they find it tricky.

We will have PE on Thursdays and children will need their PE kit (shorts, t-shirt and pumps). Swimming is on Fridays and children will need a swimming costume or swimming trunks and a towel. Dance lessons will be on Tuesdays. We will be doing gardening fortnightly on Mondays.

Home Learning will be given out on Fridays and needs to be returned to school on Wednesdays. Children will read regularly and please share and discuss stories with your child, and read with them regularly.

Please also take advantage of the school's subscriptions to various websites including Purple Mash and Mathletics.

We look forward to an enjoyable start of the school year.

Year 2 Team.



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## Year 3 Freesias.

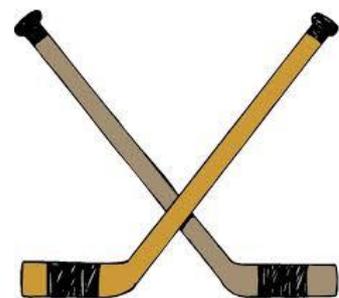


Welcome back, I hope you had a lovely summer break. Freesias will start the school year with a 'Down in the Jungle' topic. This will be our focus for both science and geography where we will look at the animals and their habitats and the rainforests around the world. We will also look at some stories about the jungle and non-fiction books in English. Our art will also focus upon the rainforest, producing some beautiful pieces about the animals and trees that live and grow there.

Our Maths lessons will focus upon developing our number skills, involving both addition and subtraction, along with number bonds and place value. In Computing, we will learn how to stay safe online, compare old and new technology, as well as identifying software and hardware.

In PSHE we will be considering our community and what it means to belong to specific groups. We will also discuss families and the stereotypes associated with gender. Our RE lessons will complement this with a focus on getting along with others, living by rules and making good choices. We will also be discussing the Rights Respecting Articles within our lessons, in order to create our class charter.

In PE, we will focus upon hockey and developing our attacking and defending skills. This year, PE will take place on Monday afternoons and swimming will continue to be on Friday mornings. Please make sure your child has a full PE kit in school and brings their swimming things with them on Fridays. You can support your child by reading with them regularly and encouraging them to complete their Home Learning. Home Learning will be sent home in an exercise book on Fridays and should be handed in by the following Wednesday.



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## Year 4 Snapdragons



Welcome back, everyone! Snapdragon Class will begin the year with an exciting topic - 'Down in the Jungle'. This will encompass our learning about the rainforest (geography), animals and their habitats (science) and animal-themed fiction and non-fiction in English. We will also be creating artwork inspired by the rainforest using a variety of materials and techniques.

In maths, we will work on key number skills and learn new strategies for solving addition and subtraction problems. We will also look at topics such as 2D and 3D shape and different ways of presenting data. Computing lessons will be focussed around identifying hardware and software, looking at old and new technology and staying safe online.

In PSHE we will be thinking about the groups and communities we are part of and what it means to belong to these groups. We will also think about different families and gender stereotypes. Our RE lessons will complement this with a focus on getting along with others, living by rules and making good choices. We will look at traditions from various different faiths; highlighting Article 14 of the UNCRC - the right to practise your own religion. Our music topics this half term will be body percussion and rhythm.

You can support your child by reading with them regularly and encouraging them to complete their Home Learning. Home Learning will be sent home in an exercise book on Fridays and should be handed in by the following Wednesday. This year, PE will take place on Monday afternoons and swimming will continue to be on Friday mornings. Please make sure your child has a full PE kit in school and brings their swimming things with them on Fridays.



Welcome to Year 5 Tulips class and Year 5 Sunflowers class. We hope that the children have had an excellent summer and are ready for the exciting year ahead. We start our learning this half term with our topic "Marvellous Me". This will enable the children to share any news from their holidays, to talk, draw and write about who they are, what they like and dislike and what they look like. In maths we will be thinking about numbers linked to themselves and their family as well as measuring themselves. We can then use this information to see how much they've grown at the end of the year.

Our learning journey will then move on to looking closely at our locality. We will find Birmingham on a map and discuss what makes Birmingham a city, learning about the different features of cities, towns and villages. Next we will focus in on where we live and go to school. We will then discuss how the school and grounds have changed looking at what the land was like before the school was built. Next, we will learn about maps and what the different signs and symbols mean. We will then use this to create our own map of school creating our own signs and symbols.

In art we will be learning about how portraits are used to represent people in different ways. We will be painting self-portraits and painting portraits of our peers representing them in different ways. In music we will be experimenting with different elements of music for example: tempo, volume, pitch, and dynamics, and how different instruments combine these elements to make music. In science we will begin learning about evolution and inheritance. Thinking about how we are the same and different to our family and friends. We will then learn about how people have adapted and therefore changed through history.

PE is every Tuesday; please ensure your child has the correct PE kit (t-shirt, shorts and pumps) and that it is named. This half term we will be focussing on cross country running in preparation for the competition in Derby on 10th October. Swimming takes place every Friday, so please send in a named towel and swimsuit, in a bag.

Our BLP focus will be perseverance which will help us to remember to keep trying when we find things difficult. As always our curriculum will link to the UNICEF charter of children's rights, our main focus will be article 42: The right to know about our rights. We will choose which rights are most important to our classes and set our class charter.

Home learning will be set on a Friday and needs to be returned to school the following Wednesday. Please also share the books the children bring home and record any reading in the yellow reading record.

Thank you for your support!

Miss Sheppard, Miss Russell, Mrs Boyce, Mr Belton, Miss Walton and Miss Amir



This is the start of an exciting and important year for us as we begin Y6 together. Y6 will agree a charter based on the rights of the child which we hope will create an environment in which we can learn and develop as individuals and as a team over the year ahead. We are very excited about our visit to PGL, Boreatton Park, in the second week of term when we are going to have great fun as well as learning lots of new skills.

Our main theme this term is 'Marvellous Me'. In English in this first half term, we will be revisiting the basics of grammar and building sentences as we learn vocabulary that will help us describe ourselves and others. Our Science topic is called 'Evolution and Inheritance' which will involve Y6 observing, measuring and recording information about our human characteristics and thinking about why we are both similar and very different from each other. We shall learn about adaptation and how living things have changed over millions of years.

Our Learning Journey over this term will encourage us to think more about ourselves and the environment. What makes an environment good or bad? We will compare environments such as the city of Birmingham and the countryside of Shropshire. This will include learning more about maps and how to understand and use them. In RE we shall be thinking about making the right choices through the teachings of Christianity and Buddhism. In PSHE, we will learn about healthy relationships so that we are able to behave responsibly towards others and play our own part in creating an environment where everyone is respected and cared for. Our focus in Art is self-portraits.

In PE lessons we will develop our cross country running in preparation for the competition in Derby on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October. PE is on Tuesday afternoon and swimming is Friday morning. Please make sure your child comes to school with the necessary clothes for these activities.

Home Learning will be given every Friday to be handed in on Monday morning. Please do continue to support your child with their Home Learning, especially with their reading and spellings.

