



Autumn Term 2020 Welcome to Foundation

Welcome to Reception! This is our first curriculum letter to let you know what we will be doing during the first term. We hope this information will be useful to you and help you to have an idea of what your child will be learning.

1st half term

Ourselves

During this first half term we will be settling the children in, giving the children time and support to feel safe and secure in their new setting. We will introduce to them the school day routines and expectations. As part of their settling time we will spend time finding about them as individuals, what are their interests, likes/dislikes, talents and things they want to work on.

We will observe your child playing in large and small groups as well as on their own. We will work with them and alongside them to support their learning and understanding.

Over this first half term we will also share lots of stories and taking on the children's interests and ideas to guide our topics.

2nd Half Term

This half term we will we continue to use the children's ideas and interests as well as favourite stories to guide our themes.

Christmas

The children in Reception will be sharing the Christmas story and working as a class to perform a Christmas Nativity Play. This performance may need to be shared with parents via video rather than you being able to come and watch it. We will follow the Guidance that is in place at the time.

Literacy

RML phonics- For the first few weeks we will be introducing all of the first letters and sounds in our RML programme. We will be learning five new sounds each week. Each child will be given a small green book which will be their sound book. We will ask you to practise these at home with your child. An information session (maybe virtual) on phonics will be held on a date this half term to be confirmed shortly.

More information on our phonics programme is available on this website <https://www.ruthmiskin.com/en/find-out-more/parents/>

Readers- Your child will be allocated a book shortly. Your child's reading pack will comprise of a reading book and reading record. The reading record must be completed by an adult each week to confirm that the book has been read. To start with your child's book may be a picture book for you to talk about with your child. Once children are secure with their sounds and using them to read words we will provide a book with words.

'Reading with your child at home is an important part of our reading partnership. Without your support and cooperation, your child will not progress to their full potential.'

Library

At the moment we are not able to use the library, when it is safe to use the Library we will let you know.

Each child will have the opportunity to take home a library book. Please return your child's book on the correct day in order for your child to swap their book.

RMJ- Tuesday
RBS- Thursday
RHS- Wednesday

Homework

Your child will have a home/school contact book which may be used as a personal homework book. Your child may want to draw a picture or write a caption about weekend events or news, pop in photos or things collected; anything that you or your child would like to share with us.

A weekly maths challenge card will also be sent home with your child. These are designed to be done together.

Please note we will only be checking these on a Monday and Friday. Any important note you wish to share please send to the class Email.

RBF@battlingbrook.uk
RMJ@battlingbrook.uk
RKL@battlingbrook.uk

Number

We will be learning about, key times of day, class routines, where things belong and positional language. We will also be learning all about numbers 0-5, counting, recognising, writing and ordering throughout the first term. In addition we will also be looking at 2D shapes and their characteristics.

P.E

Your child will need a P.E. kit consisting of a red or white t shirt, black shorts and correctly fitting pumps. Please make sure **EVERY** item of clothing is labelled.

Please only bring your PE kit in on your PE kit we cannot currently keep them in school.

RBF - Wednesday
RMJ & RKL Friday

Children with earrings in will not be allowed to do P.E. unless they are able to remove them themselves.

Teachers also have Planning and Preparation time. Each teacher will have an afternoon a week to complete this, so on the following afternoons, Mrs Foster will be teaching the children and letting the children out at the end of the day.

- RMJ- Tuesday pm
- RKL – Thursday pm

In RBF Mrs Barlow is in class all day Monday and Friday and Tuesday and Thursday afternoon. Mrs Foster will be in Tuesday and Thursday mornings and all day Wednesday.

Forest School

Children will have an hour forest school session in half class groups each week whatever the weather. You will need to send your child with their outside kit of, hooded raincoat (separate to their normal coat), waterproof trousers and Wellies. Please only send this in on their day.

RBF- Monday
RKL-Tuesday
RMJ-Wednesday

Children will start by investigating the outdoor area and learning rules of being safe around the different trees, plants and equipment.

Bits and Bobs money- we ask for a donation from parents in the form of 50p a week that goes towards the children's baking ingredients, arts and crafts materials, play dough supply and additional special classroom resources etc. We normally ask for this each half term. Without this money, unfortunately, lots of our activities cannot take place so any donations are put to very good use.

We will post regularly on our Facebook page – **Battling Brook EYFS 2020** so please join if you haven't yet done so. Please also activate your ParentPay account (letter sent home with your child last week). This is our main method of contact with you and we regularly send correspondence home via email, you may not receive until your account has been set up. We also use this to make payments for trips etc.

We look forward to a successful year!