



Ridge House



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Dear Parents,

We are writing to inform you of the curriculum we have planned for this term. We hope that you find this informative. The children have an exciting and very busy term ahead of them. This term our topic is 'Transport and Christmas'.

Communication, Language and Literacy

In Communication, Language and Literacy we will be reading a range of stories, such as, Oi! Get off my train and Mr Gumpy's Outing by John Burningham, What Ever Next and Rosies Walk. We will also be sharing information books to develop children's understanding of how information can be retrieved from books. Through these books we will be making our own stories and poems and annotating our pictures.

Phonics

Children have made good progress learning letter sounds in Phase 2, we will revise these sounds before moving onto Phase 3. We are continuing to develop our listening skills through Phase 1 activities.

Problem Solving, Reasoning and Numeracy

Through the topic of transport children will participate in a range of activities to develop counting, comparing and ordering numbers, adding and subtracting, shape, space and reasoning and measuring.

Your child will benefit from recognising numbers 1 to 20, being able to count forwards and backwards to 20 and counting objects.

Knowledge & Understanding of the World

We will be exploring a wide range of vehicles and hopefully have the chance to meet visitors such as pilots and mechanics. We will be highlighting the importance of road safety and the Green Cross Code. We will be exploring floating and sinking and how things move.

Physical Development

As well as participating in swimming and mini-gym on a Wednesday and games activities on either a Tuesday (Miss Dalby and Mrs Key) or a Friday (Mrs Simm) your child will also be developing their gross motor and fine motor skills in all areas of the indoor classroom and garden.

Through a range of fine motor control activities such as threading, cutting, painting, stamping your child will develop hand and eye coordination and pincer control promoting their pencil grip and control.

Gross motor skills such as running, skipping, hopping, climbing and jumping are all part and parcel of activities your child can access in our garden.

Creative Development

Through the topic of transport we will be drawing, painting, printing, collage making using a wide range of resources.

We have a creative workshop set up allowing your child access to a wide range of resources during child initiated time so that they can design, make and create using their own ideas and developing their skills. If you have anything to donate to our creative area please ask a member of staff.

Through our music lessons with Mr Rowley we will be learning Christmas songs, playing instruments and learning about rhythms. Children also have access to a music box so that they can create their own music and melodies in the classroom.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Through Circle Time and other means we shall be talking about Our Golden Rules and our Listening rules.

French

Following on from learning greetings, colours and numbers we will introduce names of vehicles and shapes. There will be an emphasis on oral work, songs and games.

Reading

We are very grateful to those parents who have helped with reading this term, if you are available to help please see a member of staff. Children's confidence to share a story has progressed really well this term. Just by looking at the pictures and discussing what you see all helps with your child's understanding of a story. If you have any questions with regards to your child's reading please see their teacher.

Reminder- To support your child's reading encourage them to sound out words and use the pictures as clues. If they struggle with a word sound it out, repeat sounding it out faster until they can hear the word. If it is a tricky word then you will have to tell them the word and they will learn to recognise it. Use the tricky words in the wallet to play matching games to promote recognition.

Home activities

Your child will benefit from practising writing their own name and reciting the days of the week. Use your child's sound book to recognise letter sounds and practise letter formation and learning the tricky words.

We look forward to a busy and enjoyable term. Christmas costume lists have been sent home, if you have not received yours please let a member of staff know.

Dates

Friday 10th December Sleeping Beauty Pantomime, The Anvil, Basingstoke

Monday 6th, Tuesday 7th December, Christmas Play-A Christmas Wish

Christmas Party Date to be confirmed

Wednesday 15th December Term ends

For any further information regarding the Foundation stage please visit

www.nationalstrategiesstandards.dcsf.gov.uk/earlyyears

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If you have any questions please feel free to ask a member of staff.

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