



Elliott Park School
Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

Welcome to Sunbeams Reception class and the first newsletter of this new school year! Starting school can be a daunting time for children and parents alike, but this may be particularly felt this year due to the COVID-19 situation. We have taken every possible measure to make school as safe as we can for both you and your children, so please try to feel reassured that every care will be taken to ensure maximum safety. Should your child display any symptoms, please keep them off school and notify us of their absence,

I hope your child will settle into school life quickly and easily and be very happy here. I do have high expectations for your child and will nurture and encourage them as they move forward on their learning journey. To support the children in developing their independence and responsibility for their own learning, there will be a timetable in their Homework Diary to provide a clear routine for them to follow, as well as for your information. Additionally, there will be a visual timetable displayed in the classroom that the children will be able to refer to during the school day.

A daily phonics session in which all children will participate will start as soon as possible learning a new phoneme (letter sound) a day. I aim to read at least two stories per day with the children and will be covering basic comprehension questions, talking about their likes and dislikes of the story, anticipating what might happen next, as well as plenty of role play encouraging the children in story recall.

During our maths sessions we will be covering basic counting, number recognition and number identification, shape, patterns and sequencing and an introduction to addition and subtraction.

In Computing children will start to learn how to move objects in real life using sequences of instructions. They will also use an iPad programme to produce a code consisting of simple directions.

Our topic this term will be based on 'All about Me' and I would be grateful if we could have a baby photo of your child for our class display. These will be returned at a later date.

Whilst these more academic areas are important in our school day, the three prime areas of the early learning goals are based around 'personal, social and emotional development', 'communication and language' and 'physical development'. My aim as an early years' practitioner is to continue to encourage and provide opportunities in each of these areas and for your child to develop into a happy and confident child who enjoys coming to school.

Contact is encouraged through the Homework Diary – please feel free to write down anything you feel I should know or any queries you may have, alternatively you can contact me via email, Mrs.Pierpoint@elliottparkschool.co.uk.

I very much look forward to working with you and your child.

Mrs C. Pierpoint