



Brompton Community Primary School Foundation Stage Spring 1 Newsletter

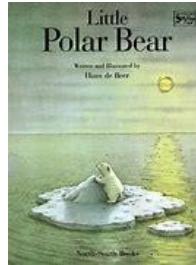


Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you have all had a fabulous Christmas as we look forward to a very exciting New Year and wish a warm welcome to our new F1 starters!

"Walking in Winter Wonderland"

This term we will be basing our learning around the adventures of the "Little Polar Bear" by Lars Anderson. The Arctic weather certainly has set us off to a great start with our topic, and we have already had a fantastic Polar Bear Hunt around the school grounds. We will be learning about different arctic animals, hibernation and how the weather changes from the Arctic to the Equator!



We will also be exploring how we can care for our planet, learning about recycling, saving electricity and reducing waste.



Mathematics

This term the F1s are learning all about the numbers 3, 4 and 5.

Our F2s will be exploring the composition of numbers beyond five, partitioning them in different ways. They will use objects to solve addition and subtraction problems and use number lines to confidently find one more and one less. We will also be exploring capacity and weight; making predictions about what is heavier or lighter.

Phonics

We have lots of lovely learning planned in phonics this term. Our F1s will begin to recognise letters that are important to them (such as those in their names) and "s,a,t,p and i". They will continue to play lots of games to develop their auditory discrimination which is the foundation for a great start in reading!

F2 will be continuing phase 3 phonics; learning to hear, read and write the digraphs and trigraphs: oo (long), oo (short), ow and ow*, oi, ear, air, ure and er.

Reading

F1 children will continue to take home a story sack every other Monday and have the opportunity to bring home "sharing books" as they wish. Please ensure that story sacks are returned with the full contents and contents card.



F2 children need to bring in their reading book and reading record every day please. Their phonics book is to be read each day with a grown up and will be changed every Monday. They also have the opportunity to choose a "sharing book" which can be changed as often as they like. **Please complete the reading record each time you read with your child.**

PSHE

This half term the F2 children will be focussing on developing their resilience and perseverance in the face of a challenge! We will also be looking at why we have rules to keep us safe and how we can work together as a team.

Healthy Early Years

As a school we already hold the platinum Healthy Schools Award. This year in Foundation Stage we are beginning our own journey to support children and families to develop healthy habits that will support them throughout their lives. As we work towards earning our "Healthy Early Years Award" our first focus area will be "Active Lives". There will be lots of opportunities for you to join in with, both in school and on Seesaw, where there will be a weekly activity for you to do as a family. We look forward to seeing your posts on Seesaw!



Winter has arrived...

Please make sure all children have a hat, gloves, a sensible coat and sensible shoes for school. All children will need a waterproof coat for lunchtime and when playing outside. If you are able to provide a named pair of wellies for your child this would be helpful as they are asked to change footwear when playing in the sandpit.

Please make sure all items of clothing and footwear are clearly named.



Outdoor Learning – beginning Friday 10th September 2025

Every Friday morning all the children will take part in outdoor learning in our bushcraft area. We will go outside whatever the weather so children will need to come to school in suitable clothing such as puddle suits, wellies and warm clothing (uniform need not be worn). They will need indoor shoes and a complete change of clothing as sometimes we do get very wet and muddy! F2 children will need to bring their uniforms to change into for the afternoon session.

P.E. – beginning Monday 13th January 2025

This half-term all of the children will be receiving P.E. sessions from our specialist P.E. teacher James Lofthouse. This will vary between indoor and outdoor depending on the weather so please ensure that children have jogging bottoms, long-sleeved jumpers and trainers as well as their indoor and outdoor P.E shoes.

Could we ask that P.E. kit is brought in a drawstring bag as there is not much room in the cloakroom for rucksacks and large bags. P.E. kits are to be brought in on Monday and stay in school all week as sometimes our timetable changes.

F1 children do not need P.E kit but need to come into school suitably dressed for outdoor P.E. with trainers, tracksuit bottoms or leggings and jumpers. No football kits please.

*Please make sure **all** items in P.E. kits are clearly labelled with your child's name.*

Seesaw online learning platform

Seesaw is our online learning platform that we use regularly to communicate with parent and carers as well as sharing the children's learning and 'wow' moments.

Log in information has been distributed to all parents. Please do sign up as homework activities and key information is often shared through this platform.

Please note...

- **ALL** items of clothing, footwear, coats and bags must be clearly labelled with your child's name. We cannot return items otherwise
- Please keep us informed and up to date of any medical/allergy information (including inhalers) concerning your child.
- Please could we ask for water only in children's water bottles.
- Please could all F1 children bring a complete change of clothes that can be left in school in case of wet sleeves, accidents etc.

Session Timings

The school day starts at 8.45am for all children. The F1 children finish at 11.45am and school finishes at 3.00pm for our F2 children.

The Foundation Stage Team

Mrs Bell - F1 teacher

Mrs Mitchell - F2 teacher

Miss Johnston - Teaching Assistant

Mrs Fawcett - Teaching Assistant

Things to Remember!

Monday– PE for F1and F2

Monday – Art and Craft Club (F2) 3-4pm

Friday – Outdoor Learning

Thursday 30th January (9.30-11am) – Parents and carers stay and play. More information coming soon.



Thank you for your continued support. Here's to a fun packed spring term!

The Foundation Stage Team