



Brompton Community Primary School Foundation Stage Spring 1 Newsletter

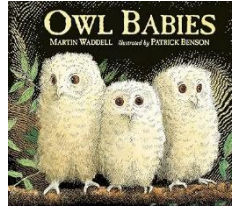


Dear Parents and Carers,

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!

"Who lives in the deep dark Wood?"

This term we will be basing our learning around the books "Owl Babies", "The Gruffalo" and "We're Going on a Bear Hunt". We will be exploring woodland habitats and the creatures, or characters, who live there. Our children have already made lots of fantastic suggestions, from wicked witches to bunny rabbits! We will be finding out about the places animals live, from dens to nests, the difference between diurnal and nocturnal animals and identifying and naming parts of animals such as claws, beaks and fur.



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), ar, ur, or, ow and ow*, oi, ear, air, ure and er.

Reading

F1 children will continue to have the opportunity to bring home "sharing books" as they wish.



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 and our Foundation Stage Unit hold the Bronze Healthy Early Years Award. This year in Foundation Stage we are working very hard on gaining our Silver Award. To do this we will be continuing with our Activity Challenges, and also looking at other ways that we can keep ourselves healthy: trying lots of different foods, spending time outside and learning about the importance of sleep and limiting screen time.



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 our outdoor area.

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



Outdoor Learning

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! Children who stay all day will need to bring their uniforms to change into for the afternoon session.

P.E.

F2 Monday - This half-term our F2's 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 Tuesday - F1 children do not need P.E kit but need to come into school suitably dressed for P.E. with trainers, tracksuit bottoms or leggings and jumpers. No football kits please. Please can you also ensure that children are wearing shoes that they can take off and put on themselves as we are trying to encourage independence - no laces 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 share the children's learning and 'wow' moments.

This half term there will be extra phonics activities which are allocated individually depending on your child's most recent assessments. If you do receive Seesaw activities, please try to complete them as these will support the personalised activities that your child is doing in school. 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 morning session for F1 children finishes at 11.45am and school finishes at 3.00pm for our F2 children and F1's who stay all day.

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 F2

Tuesday – PE for F1

Tuesday– Take a Turn Club (F2) 3-4pm

Friday – Outdoor Learning

Wednesday 4th February (9.30-11am) – Parents and carers stay and play. More information coming



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

The Foundation Stage Team