

Foundation Stage

TERMS 1 AND 2

SEPTEMBER 2014

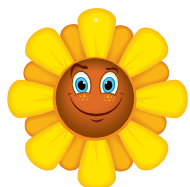
STARTING POINTS:-

- **Ourselves (Term 1)**
- **Our Past (Term2)**

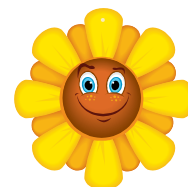
In the first term we will be learning about **Ourselves**. We would like the children to bring in baby pictures of themselves to observe how they have changed.

P.E

Please check the signs displayed on the door where the children come in for your child's P.E day. The children will require a full P.E kit consisting of black shorts, white round neck t-shirt and plim-solls. Please remove earrings on these days and tie your child's hair back if it is long.



WELCOME!



We hope your children are ready to start a new year at Garlinge Primary School and Nursery. We are looking forward to an exciting year.

The children will be given lots of opportunities to explore and develop their learning through many exciting activities that will challenge them and help them to develop skills in readiness for their progression through school. Although if you ask your child what they have done the general response will be 'nothing' or 'I just played'. In Foundation we are learning within our play.

Nursery children will be given the opportunity to choose a book from the library to bring home and share with you.



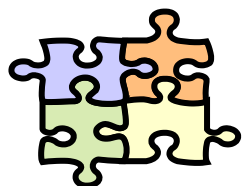
your child to become confident to read independently. The children will choose their own books to bring home.

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In Reception the children will begin to bring reading books home and books to share with you. They may not be able to read all the words or you may feel that the books are too easy for them but this all part of learning to read and helping

As the children start to learn different sounds in Reception they will bring them home, along with some words. This is so you can practice with your child.

In Foundation Stage we aim to allow the children many opportunities to learn through play and to apply new skills that they have learnt.



Helping your child



In Foundation Stage we spend a lot of time using the environment to help the children learn. You could also do this when you are out and about.

Look for different shapes, numbers and letters around you.

Look at different signs and symbols, showing them to the children and explaining what they mean. Encourage the children

to ask questions about the things they have seen and to be confident to talk about them to the adults in school.

Play lots of different games to help with turn taking and sharing. The teachers at school love hearing about the different activities that children do at home.



If you have any old children's clothes or underwear you could donate to school we would be very grateful.



If you have any concerns that you wish to discuss with a teacher please grab us at the end of the day or make an appointment with the office to come in and see us.



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Team

Mrs McLevy ~ Foundation Stage
Department Leader & RB (Bees)

Teacher

Mrs Keegan ~ RC (Caterpillars)

Teacher

Mrs Wasway ~ RA (Ants) Teacher

Mr Ovenden (Mr O) ~ RD (Dragonflies)

Teacher

Mrs Young ~ Nursery Teacher

Teaching Assistants

Mrs Moore, Mrs Clapson, Mrs Pulman, Mrs Campbell, Mrs Unthank,

Mrs Greenstreet, Mrs Webb, Miss Weatherly, Mrs Weatherly and Mrs

White

Mr Fluffy

Nursery Rabbit



For Reception children:-
School gates open at 8.45am.
School finishes at 3.10pm.

Uniform

All children are required to wear school uniform.

In Nursery this is a school jumper with the rainbow emblem on with black jogging bottoms and plimsolls. **Children are asked not to wear earrings to nursery.**

In Reception this is a school jumper either grey or black trousers or a skirt with black shoes (no heels or sandals).

The children



will also need to bring in some wellington boots, a sun hat and most important-

ly a coat as we will be exploring the outside environment, whether rain or shine.

Please make sure that all your child's uniform or clothing that they have brought in is clearly named. This makes it easier to return any items of lost clothing to the right child.



School Dinners

All Reception children are entitled to a hot meal at lunchtime free of charge.

The meals are made at school and the children all enjoy them.



Breakfast Club

The school has a breakfast club that provides a nutritional breakfast for those children that attend. It starts at 8.00am and costs £1.20. This is not available for Nursery children.



Scrapbooks



In Foundation Stage we recognise the importance of working in partnership with the parents. This is why we have scrapbooks that will be sent home regularly. These will show different activities or experiences your child has had at school and will be an opportunity for you to share experiences your child has had at home. Sometimes the teacher may write something



that they would like you to focus on with your child but generally it will be something that you can use to share your experiences with the school. An example would be if you have been out somewhere that your child has

really enjoyed and wants to share or your child has learnt to write their numbers correctly. The books are your opportunity to create a partnership between the school and home.



Christmas

Reception and Nursery will be performing Christmas Plays.

The Nursery play will be on 3rd December 2014 at 9:30am.

The Reception play will be on 4th December 2014 at 2.00pm and 5th December 2014 at 9:30am.

Foundation stage parties will take

place during the week of 15th December 2014.

More information regarding the plays and the party day will follow nearer the time.



Please remember to send your child



to school with a named coat, some wellies or a sun hat. We play outside in the rain and the sunshine.