

Foundation Stage

TERMS 1 AND 2

SEPTEMBER 2016

STARTING POINTS:-

- **Me and My Family (Term 1)**
- **People Who Help us (Term2)**

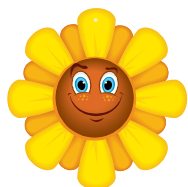
These are the starting points we will use with the children to support their learning.

P.E

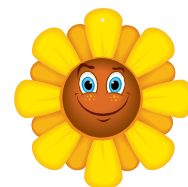
Please check the signs displayed on the door where the children come in for your child's P.E day.

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 may 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.



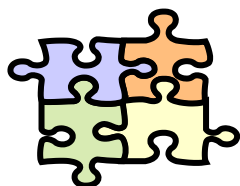
your child to become confident to read independently. The children will choose their own books to bring home.

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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 spare 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 (Dragon Class) Teacher
- Mrs Keegan ~ RC (Pirate Class) Teacher
- Miss Stannard~ RA (Alien Class) Teacher
- Miss Mutton ~ RD (Dinosaur Class) Teacher
- Miss Kemp~ Nursery Teacher

Teaching Assistants

- Mrs Pulman, Mrs Campbell, Mrs Unthank, Mrs Weatherly, Mrs Greenstreet, Miss Stairs and Mrs Cook.

Nursery Session times:-
8:45am - 11:45am for morning children
12:30pm - 2:30pm for afternoon children

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.



Snack time

Children have snack daily and school provide a piece a fruit. If your child is eligible and you have registered them then they will be given a carton of milk. Please register directly with Cool Milk. www.coolmilk.com. There is water available for the children to drink throughout the day.



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.



Further information will follow.

Parents Meetings

My Unique Story parents meetings will take place during the week beginning 14th November 2016 This will give the opportunity to meet with your child's class teacher and discuss the progress they have made in the first couple of terms.

More information on how to make an appointment with the teacher will follow.

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.