



Curriculum Information for Parents
Early Years Foundation Stage
Autumn Term 2015

Within the Early Years Foundation Stage, there are seven areas of learning: three prime areas and four specific areas.

The Three Prime Areas

Personal Social and Emotional Development

Your child will be starting to settle into their life at Kings Copse Primary School. They will have lots of opportunity to talk about their needs, feelings, likes and dislikes. By working in partnership with parents, we will help children to make friends and encourage them to play and learn with each other. We will help them to build their confidence and help them to try new activities. Becoming an independent learner is an important part of our curriculum and we will help children to solve problems by themselves.

Communication and Language

Your child will have lots of opportunities to listen to and respond to each other and adults. They will develop their skills in taking turns and respecting what other people say. Just like at home, we will encourage your child to talk about their ideas kindly and politely. They will be given lots of opportunities to talk about their own experiences and interests and we will work hard to be flexible with the curriculum to help your child to learn through their own interests. They will be listening to and learning by memory lots of stories. They will also be encouraged to respond to what they have heard with questions and comments.

Physical Development

The children will be learning how to handle basic equipment and apparatus safely. They will learn how to get changed for PE independently, looking after their own belongings. They will be using playdoh and clay to develop fine motor skills such as patting, stroking, poking, squeezing, pinching and twisting.

Getting to know each other,
our classroom and making new
friends!



Other Information:

Physical Development

Your child will need their indoor and outdoor kits for everyday of the week. Please check everything is named and they have suitable footwear.

Books

As we get to know your child, they will be bringing home a range of books. They will be supported in choosing a new book at different times during the week.

Morning Routine

The children are coming in to school really positively. Thank you for your support in encouraging them to be independent in their morning routine. It's lovely to hear the children beginning to say they want to come in by themselves. It is really helpful if you can go through the dinner menu with your child before you come to school so that they can select their meal choice independently on the interactive whiteboard.

The Early Years curriculum in school will continue to reflect many of the approaches you will be used to from your child's pre-school. This year will continue to build successfully on what your child has already learnt and in partnership with parents we will support them in their journey towards achieving the early learning goals.

Other ways to help your child at home...

- Share books together, talking about the story and most importantly the pictures as you go. When your child is ready, begin to look for familiar sounds and words.
- Point out numbers you see in the local environment e.g. on doors and in the supermarket. Use everyday activities (such as shopping) as an opportunity to count with your child.
- Workshops – we will be running a variety of workshops this year to support you with supporting your child's development at home. These will include PEEP (Parent Early Education Partnership) which focusses on children and parents learning together in a school setting and has an impact upon self-confidence.
- Look together at the class blog and make a comment. We are looking forward to reading your comments! Go to the school website, click on news and then blogs.

The Four Specific Areas

Mathematics

Your child will be learning to say number names in a range of familiar ways, such as number rhymes and songs. We will help them to develop their counting skills, increasing the quantity of objects they count and the accuracy of their counting. Your child will be exploring and creating patterns describing these in their own ways. They will also be learning to use language such as 'more' and 'less' to describe quantity.

Literacy

Your child will be given lots of opportunities to enjoy a range of books. They will be encouraged to play with stories, talking about what happens, what might happen next and telling stories in their own ways. We will be helping children to hear and discriminate sounds in their surroundings and we will build upon this to help children learn some letters and sounds after half term. Children will be encouraged to make marks with a variety of materials such as pencils, sticks, brushes, fingers etc. and to talk about what they want their own marks (writing) to say.

Understanding the World

Your child will be learning about people and places in the school and the grounds. They will be encouraged to think about the fact that all people are different and that they enjoy different things. They will start to learn about the different ways people celebrate important events in their own lives. They will be using a range of technologies such as computers, sound recorders and cameras.

Expressive Arts and Design

Your child will develop their skills further by using a variety of materials to explore colours shapes texture and line in both 2-D and 3-D. They will sing simple songs and take part in a variety of role play activities based on their own experiences. They will move to music and will be encouraged to express their ideas in different ways.

PATHS – Promoting Alternative Thinking Strategies

Your child will be introduced to the school rules and our behaviour weather system. They will be encouraged to solve their own problems as they arise and work together.