


# Foundation Stage Flyer



The way we teach in the Early Years has slightly changed. In order for children to reach their full potential in reading, writing and maths they must be able to first acquire the skills in communication, physical development and personal and social development. During the next half term we will be doing lots of activities in our unit to ensure that the Seahorse children are beginning to show development in these areas.

## Personal Social and Emotional Development

During the first half term we are going to be spending lots of time learning new routines and making new friends. We will be making sure that we share the toys that we play with and are taking turns when we are playing with them. We will also be having lots of group discussions during circle time where we can share our thoughts, ideas and feelings. We will learn to become more confident the longer we spend as a Seahorse.

Next week we are going to be meeting some new friends called The QUIRKS. The Quirks will help us with our speaking and listening skills but will also help us talk about how we are feeling.

## Communication and Language

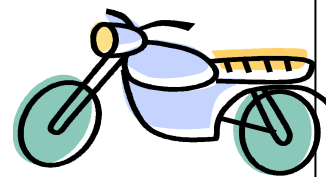
We are going to be doing lots of activities to develop these skills. We will be spending lots of time listening to and talking about a whole range of different stories which will enhance our vocabulary. We will be talking about what we like and dislike as well as talking about why things in the story have happened.



## Physical Development

We have a fantastic outdoor area that has been developed over the summer holidays. We are beginning to explore this area and are looking forward to using this space as much as we can. We will be spending lots of time outside, rain or shine so it would be helpful if the children have a spare change of clothes just incase. We will be doing PE either on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday depending on the colour group that they are in so, it is important that the children have the correct kit on these days.

Children in the Foundation Stage do not need sandshoes as they will be doing PE in their bare feet in the school hall. During our PE lessons we will be moving safely around the hall by learning to use spaces, we will also spend lots of time moving in different ways.



## At home you could...

- Continue to contribute to the children's 'Home School Diaries' by commenting on things that your child has been doing at home. So far the children have thoroughly enjoyed sharing them with the rest of the class. Your comments can also provide evidence to show that your child is developing in the 3 areas above.
- Share as many stories as you can with your child, it's a great way for children to become familiar with books and promote reading as an enjoyable activity
- Encourage lots of opportunities for talk at home by questioning what your child is doing
- Try playing these fantastic games that will help to develop listening skills <http://www.letters-and-sounds.com/phase-1-games.html>

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## Flyer *Physical Development*

We will do P.E one morning per week either in the school hall or outside. Seahorses only take off socks and shoes so no need for PE kits, The Turtles need a PE kit (white t shirt and black or blue shorts) in school everyday.

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We love being outside and try to be out everyday so appropriate clothing is essential. Please ensure that your child has a coat left at school everyday.