

Homework

Homework will be given out on the first Friday of the half-term, which will consist of at least 6 different learning activities. Children will be expected to complete these activities over the half-term. Children should share or bring in their completed homework every week.

Knowledge Organisers

At Hackwood Primary Academy we have Knowledge Organisers (KOs), to help children learn the essential knowledge they need for each topic they study. A Knowledge Organiser sets out in detail what we want children to know by heart by the end of the topic. We expect the majority of children to be able to recall all of the information on the KO by the end of the topic.

Reading

Your child will have a reading book, which will need to be taken home and returned to school every day. Your child should read at home every day and an adult will need to sign to show that your child has read to an adult. Reading diaries will be checked every week.

School Uniform

Your child will need correct uniform and suitable clothing for outside play. As the weather gets colder and wetter, please send your children with hats, scarves, gloves and wellies.
Please ensure that all clothing is clearly labelled.

Websites to help

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/>



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Nursery Parents Information Booklet
Autumn Term 2023

At Hackwood Primary Academy, we believe that learning is a two-way partnership, involving school and home. We hope this leaflet will answer some of your questions as your child learns in Nursery and gives you some ideas of ways to help at home!

Inside this booklet you will see what your child is studying this half term. Please take time to read through and discuss this with your child.

Should you require any further information about the curriculum or any other queries please ask to speak to a member of staff.

Teaching and Learning Staff

Class: Squirrels
Teachers: Miss Dudson



Literacy

In the first few weeks we will be trying really hard to recognise our written names, in order to help us find our pegs easily and to self-register our lunch every morning.

We will be sharing a range of different stories together this half term. We will look at books that talk about feelings, making friends and being kind. As well as looking at books independently in the reading area.

Personal, Social and Emotional

The focal point for this half term is to get the children settled into school life and to help them to feel happy and safe in this new environment.

We will have small group circle times, where we will share our thoughts, ideas and feelings. We will also play lots of games that encourage social skills such as taking turns and sharing.

Communication and Language

Whilst we settle into the new environment, we will work hard on developing our communication skills. We will become confident to tell adults our wants, needs and interests and will begin to develop the confidence to talk in front of small groups with focused circle times. We will be learning how to use our listening ears by doing a range of daily phonics games and following instructions.

Mathematics

To help us settle into nursery and become familiar with the structure of the school day, we will be talking about routines. We will think about the sequence of certain routines, such as toilet time.

During continuous provision, we will be focussing on simple mathematic concepts such as counting in everyday contexts, completing jigsaws and taking part in finger rhymes.

Key Texts

'Incy Wincy Spider'

'Five little ducks'

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'Old MacDonald had a farm'

'10 fat sausages'

Understanding the World

During the first half term, we will

Weather, effects of the weather

During circle time, we will talk about who lives in our house and why they are special to us.

We will begin to plant some flowers and vegetables in our garden and talk about what we can see happening to them and how we can help them grow. We will play with lots of small world toys to help us explore the world around us.

Key Question/Topic: Nursery Rhymes

Physical Development

Throughout the half term, we will be spending lots of time in the outdoor learning environment—becoming confident climbers, movers and cyclists. We will play many group games such as 'What time is it Mr Wolf' to develop our spatial awareness and negotiation of space.

To develop fine motor skills, we will take part in lots of fun activities such as dough disco and squiggle whilst you wiggle to strengthen the muscles and develop a range of movements in our arms, shoulders, hands and fingers.

Expressive Arts and Design

Whilst the children are settling this half term there will be many opportunities for them to create and construct their very own masterpieces. The creative area offers opportunities for the children to paint, glue, cut and draw.

We will build in the block area with our friends, learning how to build, balance and join materials. We will try to build the tallest towers we can!