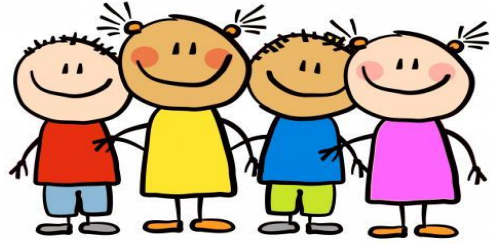


Welcome to Nursery class!



We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to The Downs Primary School & Nursery and look forward to working in partnership with you throughout the coming year.

Our topic for the Autumn term is



'Marvellous Me' and 'Let's Celebrate!'

In our 'Marvellous Me' topic we will talk about ourselves, families, likes and dislikes and focus on learning about feelings and how to manage these and name them using 'The Colour Monster' story. We will celebrate similarities and differences between ourselves, achievements in class (e.g. making new friends, learning something new) as well as achievements from home. We will make self-portraits and talk about families and how they are different. Later in the term, we will have opportunities to learn about some festivals and the different ways some people celebrate them like Divali and Christmas.



Communication and Language and Literacy

We will read a story every day to your child, and we have one set book a week that we will use to plan enhanced provision activities the following week in some areas of the classroom. We will also be learning nursery rhymes exploring words that start with the same letter (alliteration) rhyme, syllables (parts of words) and sing rhymes changing the pitch and dynamics too. Children will also make marks with various tools such as paintbrushes, pencils and chinks.



Your child will bring home a sharing book to keep at home for a week from our collection in the classroom and we would like you to write a comment about how your child enjoyed the book. We encourage you to read other books at home as well and would love to hear about your home reading experiences – add these to their reading diary. After half term, your child will take part in regular phonics activities where they will learn about objects beginning with different sounds and will learn about the sound that different spoken words start with. We follow Little Wandle Foundations for phonics and will introduce children to a picture for each sound.

Please bring bookbags (with reading diary) to school on Mondays so they can then be changed. Your child's book will be changed on Tuesdays, and ready to go home the same day. Please assure you have signed to say the book has been read and shared and home.
You are invited in to read and share a book with your child on Tuesdays at 11.10 or 2.55 each week.

Personal, Social and Emotional Learning

We will be learning about feelings and learning words to name these. We will be teaching our nursery values throughout the term and teaching strategies to help children to self-regulate by using the calming corner and exploring sensory resources in this area. Our values are:

- We are kind and helpful
- We listen to adults and children in class
- We use our hands, feet and mouth safely
- We put our school things back in the places they belong
- We try our best in our learning



Maths

We will have daily maths sessions in class and will be exploring all the maths opportunities in children's play too.

This term we will learn to sing number songs and rhymes, count up to 5 and show finger numbers to 3. Children will also be taught to recognise numbers 1 – 3 and then match numerals to the correct number of objects.

In our work in shape and measures, we will be focusing on sorting objects to different criteria such as colour and size and will be using the terms long/short, big/small/ full/ empty. We will also use everyday words related to time and sing daily about which day of the week it is.

Home Learning

- Please share a book together with your child as part of their bedtime routine every day– please write down any books you have shared with your child in the reading record. The more you read to your child – the more success they will have as they will learn and expand the words they understand.
- Sing nursery rhymes with your child together – please visit: littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk and go to the For Parents tab at the top – and then nursery rhymes. There are lots of nursery rhymes on there that we will be working on in school and they can sing with you at home.



Gross motor skills

Children will take part daily in running, playing games, using trikes and explore the climbing apparatus and building courses with large objects such as tyres and crates.

Fine motor skills

Your child will start to take part in a daily 'Dough disco' session or 'Squiggle while you Wiggle' session which is done to music in the classroom to build muscles in their hands needed to use different tools with control.

They will also have access



to lots of resources in their play such as pipettes and tongs, to pick up small objects: dried pasta, pom poms, and natural materials like acorns and conkers.

Clothing and equipment

Children in EYFS have access to the small outside area every day, in all weathers. Please ensure that they come to school every day with a coat and with hats, scarves, gloves etc as the weather gets colder and wetter. Children should also have wellies that stay in school. Please ensure that jumpers, coats and shoes are all named! Thank you for labelling your children's water bottles as well which are sent home to wash and fill with water to bring in every day.

As children in EYFS have access to physical equipment daily, please ensure long hair is tied back every day. On Friday, we will have PE in the hall – please make sure your child does not wear earrings on these days or they will not be able to take part. Thank you.

Please contact us on Class Dojo or speak to us at the end of the session (after all children have been dismissed) if you have any questions!

We look forward to a happy, exciting year with your fantastic little ones.

Mrs Shurbi, Miss Sanders, Miss Jones & Miss Lovell