



Eastbury Farm Primary School

Autumn Term 2025 - Curriculum Newsletter



Nursery - Birch

Dear Parents & Carers,

A warm welcome to you and your family to Eastbury Farm Primary School and to our Nursery. For the first few weeks of the term we will be concentrating on settling the children in and helping them to get to know the members of staff and each other. We are all very much looking forward to getting to know you and your child. Our topic for this term will be "Nursery Rhymes and Celebrations".

Forest school and PE sessions will take place on alternate **Monday mornings once the children have begun to settle**. Please ensure that your child has wellington boots and waterproofs that are named to enable us to take part in these sessions whatever the weather! At present, until the children are settled, the children are taking part in their P.E session outside in the nursery garden in their school clothes. If your child wears earrings please remove them or tape them up on a Monday and please make sure that long hair is tied back.

Meet the team: Class Teacher – Mrs Lilley (Monday- Thursday) Mrs Little (Friday)
Teaching Assistants Miss Watson, Mrs Fraser (Mornings), Mrs Davies (Thursday afternoon), Miss Yeomans (Tuesday afternoon)



CREATIVE CURRICULUM TOPIC: Nursery Rhymes & Celebrations



Reminders

School Rucksacks

Please ensure your child has a labeled rucksack in school everyday which we will send home letters and their works of art in.

Home Link Books

You will find your child's Home Link Book in their bookbag. This book is to support communication between home and school. Please feel free to write anything you wish to tell us. For example if you have a question for your teacher or a concern from your child. If you have written in the link book please hand it to one of the adults. There is no need to write in the link book everyday as it is also possible to speak to the Class Teacher after school if needed.

Lunchboxes, Water Bottles and Snack

Children staying for lunch will need to bring a healthy lunchbox each day. Please remember to not include nuts or seeds or sweets. A fruit snack is provided for each child daily in Nursery and you can order milk for your child from the School Office. Please supply a named re-usable water bottle each morning for your child to use.

Toys and Show and Tell

Please do not allow your child to bring toys, jewellery or novelty items from home into school. These cause problems with sharing and can easily be lost or damaged.

Every Friday, a child will have the opportunity to take home the Show and Tell bags and bring in a special item from home for **Show and Tell on Monday**.

Peter Bear

Each week on **Friday**, a child will have the opportunity to bring home the class bear, Peter. You and your child are invited to record Peter's adventures with you in his diary – this can just be text or pictures/photos. Children will have the opportunity to share this with the class on **Monday**.

Home Learning – Supporting independence

Please support your child to become increasingly independent with managing jumpers (removing and putting on), coats, buttons, shoes and boots...

Here's a handy clip with an easy way to teach children to get their coat on independently:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qW3qWw0AtOc>

Morning Routine

Getting the morning routine right early on is crucial in helping each child to settle into Nursery successfully. The bell for the whole school rings at 8.40am. The children should then place their water bottles and lunch boxes in the trolleys provided. The Class Teacher will open the door to greet them at 8.45am. At this point, the children will be supported by the staff to come into the classroom, hanging up their coats and finding their Busy Finger activity. It is essential we build these lifelong skills early on and encourage children to be independent learners. We kindly ask that parents wait outside of the Nursery at this time to ensure all children are settled in to the classroom as quickly and safely as possible. Please don't worry if your child is upset when saying goodbye initially, they soon get used to this and the staff will ensure every child is settled and happy each day.

Evidence Me

At Eastbury Farm, we use 'Evidence Me' to keep you connected with your child's learning. This enables you to receive regular observations of your child. There is also the option for you to send in observations of your child's learning at home. Children can answer questions on their observations at home and talk about their home learning at school. You will shortly receive a confirmation email and will then have access to your child's observations. The Evidence Me App can be downloaded from your mobile app store. Please note that if you have not given permissions for us to take photos of your child, you will just receive written observations without photos.



Parents as partners

On **Monday** mornings each week (starting in a few weeks), Nursery parents are invited to stay for Busy Fingers if they wish to until 9.00am. The school gates will be locked at 9.10am in order to keep the site safe and secure during the day. We also always love having parents in to the class to share a talent, talk to us about their jobs, share a skill such as playing instruments or speaking a different language or join us for activities like cooking. If you celebrate any special occasions or have any special talents we would love you to come in and share your knowledge with the children. Please speak to Mrs Lilley or Mrs Little to arrange this.

What will we be learning about across the curriculum?

The Early Years curriculum is split into 7 areas of learning. Here's what we will be focusing on this term:

Prime Areas

Personal, Social & Emotional Development: Settling in, taking turns, sharing fairly with others, forming good relationships with peers and adults.

Communication & Language: Speaking and listening to each other, sharing ideas, developing question words, learning new songs and nursery rhymes.

Physical Development: Exploring and learning in all weathers, using a wide variety of indoor and outdoor equipment to develop fine and gross motor skills.

Specific Areas

Literacy: Sharing stories and nursery rhymes – joining in with words and actions. Games to develop the children's early phonic skills – sound discrimination, alliteration, rhyme.

Mathematics: Learning about 2D shapes – using the correct shape names and describing them in simple terms, exploring shape, size and space using a range of construction materials, subitizing, counting and recognising numbers - learning through a range of fun and practical play based activities.

Understanding of the World: Learning about ourselves and each other, sharing stories and experiences of our families, looking at the world around us and talking about the changes happening as we move into Autumn.

Expressive Art and Design: Encouraging children to be creative and use their own ideas, self-selecting resources, making choices about how to combine parts to create different effects, exploring messy play and investigating different textures.

Visits & Visitors

Throughout the term we will be learning about different events and festivals around the world including Harvest, Diwali, Bonfire Night, Christmas and many more. If you celebrate any special occasions or have any special talents we would love you to come in and share your knowledge with the children.

Dates for the diary

9th September 6pm- Meet the Headteacher
23rd September- Individual and Sibling photos
27th-31st October Half Term
26th and 27th November 3.30-6.00pm –Parents evening
16th December 10.00am- EY Christmas production
19th December- 1.15 end of term