

Foundation Stage



Autumn Term 2023

Welcome!

We had a fabulous first day few days we have had! All the adults were so impressed with how well the children settled in. We wanted to take the opportunity to thank you all for your support. The children have already made us so proud.

Just a reminder that school starts at 8:50 and home time is 3:20pm.

Remember, if you have any concerns, please don't hesitate to come and talk to us.



Miss Bond and Miss Denton



Reading Diaries and Books

Your child will regularly read their book in class, and we will use their reading diaries to write when they have read with us.

PLEASE make sure your child brings their books and diary to school every day as every spare moment we have in school we will try and read with your child.

Please try and read with your child every day (and record in the diary if possible) as becoming a reader is the most important part of your child's education.

We have reading breakfasts every term and hope to see you in school! You will also have the opportunity to be a secret reader to the children at story time.

P.E kits

Please return the form regarding the P.E kits if you haven't already.

It is important that throughout the year all uniform and P.E kits are named please.

John King P.E Day is Tuesday.

Longwood P.E Day is Tuesday.

The children are expected to come to school dressed in their P.E kits.

Important Dates

Further details of any events will be sent out in separate letters to ensure you have all the relevant details.

4th September - INSET day

5th September – INSET day

6th September – 1st day of school

5th October – Reading breakfast

24th October – Infant Halloween disco 4-5pm

27th October – Half term

6th November – Back to school

14th / 15th November – Parents evening and book fair

17th November – Children in need

6th December – Christmas Fair

14th December – Longwood Nativity – 2pm

15th December – John King Nativity – 2pm

22nd December – Inset day

Homework

Each week the children be given a piece of homework to complete. For the first time this will be as simple as a 'Talk about picture' that we encourage you to talk about with your child, linked to interesting things we are learning at school.

Homework will be handed out on a Friday and is expected to be in the following Friday. This will be starting from Friday 15th September.

The children will have access to phonics videos on class dojo, modelling the week's sounds, so that the children can practice these at home.

Follow us on social media, where we showcase our wonderful school and learning experiences.



What Makes a Place Special?

EYFS – Geography: What makes a place special?

| Subject Specific Vocabulary | |
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| City | A city is a busy place which has lots of people and buildings. |
| Community | A group of people who all live in the same area. |
| Compare | Talking about how things are the same and different. |
| Environment | The world around us. |
| Feature | A feature is something that is a part of a place, which cannot be moved. |
| Recycle | Recycling means turning rubbish into a new material so it can be used again. |
| Village | A community made up of a small number of people. |
| Woodland animal | Animals that live in a woodland area. |

Exciting texts!

| | Sticky knowledge |
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| | A – Pinxton has lots of features . It has the mining wheel, The Wharf, the library, the butchers, and the co-op. |
| | B – Pinxton has a mining heritage . John King was a famous person because he invented the mining hook . |
| | C – Everything we do has an impact on the environment . We can all take steps to make a difference. |
| | D – Nottingham and Derby are the closest cities to Pinxton. They are much bigger than Pinxton and have a huge church called a cathedral . The buildings are much closer together and they don't have fields like Pinxton. |
| | E – We live in England , this is part of the United Kingdom . The United Kingdom is found on the top half of the map and is surrounded by water. |
| | F – Maps give us information and can be used to locate things. |
| | A habitat is where something lives. Woodland is a type of habitat that offers damp conditions, protection, and food for woodland animals. |

Sticky Knowledge

- A pencil is held between two fingers, a **tripod grip** supports correct letter formation.
- An **observational** drawing is a realistic drawing of something you can. A good way to do an observational drawing is to look and then draw.
- **Patterns** can be made using lines, shapes or colours. You will find lots of different patterns in our **environment**, such as on wallpapers or clothes.

This term, our enquiry question is, 'What makes a place special?'. This is a geography-based enquiry, We want children to have an understanding of the school, it's staff and different locations around school. We will also be looking at places that are special to the children. For example, their home. Because our school is based in an ex-mining village, we want them to have an understanding of our community's heritage whilst expanding our children's geographical knowledge of Pinxton, including its features as a village.

Deepening Knowledge Task

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| <p>Reading</p> <p>Reading is the gateway to the curriculum, and it is really important your child practices and applies the sounds they learn in school. Please ensure that you are reading with and to your child as much as possible.</p> <p>At home, you can support your child with their reading with lots of fun games! It could be spotting different sounds and letters in the supermarket and in shops or as simple as saying words like c-a-t and seeing if they can blend them together.</p> | <p>Writing</p> <p>This term, we will begin by recognising and then writing our name. We will begin learning how to blend sounds together to write a two and three letter word.</p> <p>Please keep an eye out on dojo for our weekly phonics videos so that you can practice at home what we have been learning at school.</p> | <p>Maths</p> <p>We follow the White Rose scheme in Maths. Follow the link below and you can follow lesson by lesson what your child is learning in school.</p> <p>https://whiterosemaths.com/homelearning/early-years/ This is a great resource to support your child and for you to see how we teach maths.</p> |
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PE

In EYFS we are constantly trying to improve a child's physical development. This is so important for their physical and mental health along with supporting their fine motor development which then helps writing. We love yoga! We use Cosmic Kids yoga each week. The following link is where you will find lots of Cosmic Kids yoga videos! [Cosmic Kids Yoga - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rz0go1pTda8)

Also, you may want to get involved and try the Joe Wicks challenges at home to support your child and to have some fun!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rz0go1pTda8>

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| <p>RE</p> <p>We follow the Derbyshire Syllabus. This term, we will be learning about places that are special and exploring why they are special.</p> <p>KS1 Religious Education - BBC Bitesize</p> | <p>PSED</p> <p>We will be doing lots of work this half term around making friends, our school rules and settling into our new environment. We will be looking at how to understand and name our feelings through the book "The Colour Monster." Other stories such as 'Our Class is a Family' and 'Kind' will help us with this area of learning.</p> <p>Our Class is a Family - Bing video</p> <p>The Color Monster - Read Aloud by Mr. Joshua Brooks - Bing video</p> <p>KIND READ ALOUD! - Bing video</p> |
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