

Growing Up

The children will name and think about the uses of the main body parts. They will also explore their senses, learning which organ is linked with each sense. They will think about how they have changed since they were babies and learn about a basic human growth timeline. We will also talk about celebrations such as birthdays and plan a celebration of our own.

Understanding the WorldMaths

The children will have various experiences of number, pattern and sorting. They will be taught through various activities, games and songs to say and use number names in order and use them in familiar contexts. The children will use role play and focussed activities to count objects. They will talk about sorting when thinking about size and shape.

Communication & Language Development
Literacy

The children will be introduced to activities and games which develop listening skills to enable them to tune into different sounds. They will write their names, learn how to handle books correctly and develop pre-handwriting skills. Emphasis is placed upon Speaking and Listening, providing opportunities for children to listen and speak as part of a group and respond to stories. Later in the term we will start our Little Wandle phonic sessions and the children will bring home phonics sheets to practise.

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

The main topic is 'All About Me' centred upon Personal, Social and Emotional Development. The children will be working on building and forming relationships with other children and adults. Independence is a central focus with a strong emphasis on whole school and class routines; for example we will expect children to choose resources for themselves, use them appropriately and tidy away with minimal prompting. There will be lots of working in our outside environment where children will further develop their social / cooperative skills.

Expressive Arts & Design

There will be plenty of opportunities for the children to experience painting, drawing and model making using a variety of tools. They will learn new songs and rhymes. Our Role Play area is enhanced regularly and provides plenty of opportunities for imaginative play and retelling familiar experiences.

Physical Development

Gross Motor: In PE the children will be practising a variety of movement skills e.g. running, jumping, skipping and balancing. They will also have access to a range of equipment to use to support their gross motor development e.g. balls, balance beams, bikes, scooters and hoops.
Fine motor: Children will be encouraged to complete a range of activities to support pencil and fine motor control e.g. scissor skills, tracing, playdough, threading beads, Lego, paints and small vehicle control.

How can you help your child?

You will soon be receiving a home reading book, please encourage your child to share their home reading book daily and remind them to change it each time it has been shared. Encourage your child to practise writing their name using their name card holding their pencil properly using a tripod grip. Use everyday opportunities to practise counting e.g. collecting cutlery etc. to lay the dinner table or when putting away toys. Encourage independence in everyday routines such as dressing and eating with cutlery.

Snacks in School

We will be providing an individual piece of fruit daily and Cool Milk are delivering single serve cartons for all children under five years old. If you would still like them to receive milk after they turn five please contact Coolmilk online to register and pay. You can provide a snack for your child but please ensure that it is a healthy snack e.g. cereal bar, crackers, fruit and is nut free.

Annual overview of visits and visitors.

We hope to have the following visits this academic year :-

November - A walk in our local area

January - Bursledon Brickworks trip

May - People who help us in our community visit and a trip within our local community

July - Minibeast Day

We try to keep costs to a maximum of £15 per trip. There may also be times during the year when we make short notice visits to Hythe village and possibly the library - we will give as much notice of these as we can.

Keeping up to date

A range of information including Newsletters are available on the school's website

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

You can keep up with what is going on around school via the *Hythe Howler*, this can be accessed via the website. We complete a class floor book full of photographs and examples of work for parents to look at so that you can see what we have been up to. Please ensure the office has your up to date email address as almost all information is sent via *Parent Mail*.