





# A Guide to... Foundation Stage 2! \*



# Adults in the classroom



# A typical day in FS2

8:45-9:00AM — Doors open and Registration

9:10-9:30 — Language for Thinking Time

9:30-11:15 — Focused Teaching time and independent play (with snack and milk available to access independently)

11:30-11:50 — Letters and Sounds time

11:50—12:05—Story and Song time

12:05-1:15 PM — Lunch

1:15-3:10 — Focused Teaching time and independent play

3:10 — Class Story

3:30 - Home

### Getting Organised

You will need a book bag to carry your books and letters home in.

Each day you will have a drink and a piece of fruit/ vegetable to eat with your friends.

You can bring a water bottle to school so you can drink from it during the day. Please make sure it has your name on!.



#### PE

- Wednesday mornings
- Indoor kit navy shorts, house (red/yellow/green/blue) t-shirt, black pumps
- Outdoor kit dark or navy tracksuit and trainers

#### Reading books

- Children are given 2 new books every Monday. Please comment how they are reading at home in their Reading Record.
- Children are listened to read 1:1 once in a 2-week cycle by their teacher

#### Homework

- Half termly tasks will be set in the usual format
- Children should read daily, practise their Tricky Word spellings and access online learning tools such as Bug Club and Mathletics

# Topics

Autumn Term 1 — Colour

Autumn Term 2 — Autumn and Celebrations

Spring Term 1 — Nursery Rhymes

Spring Term 2 — Animals

Summer Term 1 — Traditional Tales

Summer Term 2 — Holidays



### Phonics

Words are made of a combination of sounds. In the English language, there are 44 sounds but only 26 letters. Phonics teaches children to recognise the sounds that each letter or group of letters makes, how to put them together to read words and how to break them apart to spell words.

#### What is a phoneme?

A phoneme is the smallest unit of sound in speech. It is simply the speech sound that is made by the mouth. Each letter represents a sound for example, 'bat' has three phonemes: 'b', 'a' and 't'.

#### What is a grapheme?

A grapheme is the single letter or group of letters that we write to represent a sound (phoneme).

Graphemes can be made up of 1, 2, 3 or 4 letters.

In FS2, children are taught Phase 2 and Phase 3 phonics. Phase 2 includes single sounds. For example, 's', 'a', 't', 'p.' Phase 3 includes diagraphs and trigraphs, which just means one sound with two or three letters. For example, 'er,' 'ar,' 'oo' are diagraphs and 'igh' and 'air' are trigraphs.



Christmas Songs
Performance

West Midlands
Safari Park
(Trip to see
Santa!)

Mothers' Day Assembly





## Class Dojo



#### **Individual Rewards**

Certificates for 100, 200, 500, 750 and 1000 points

Name put on 'Roll of Honour'



#### Class Rewards

2000 : extra play hour

5000 : film and popcorn

7500 : extra STEM day

10000 : bring in a

toy/game

15000: ice-cream party

#### Points are given for...

#### **Behaviour**

Good listening
Reading at home
Helping others
Perseverance
Contribution
Good manners
Values (3)

Look your best (2) Caught being good





#### Work

Tidying

Positive attitude to work

Doing your best

Presentation Homework (5)



Before you come to school can you:

Recognise your name?

It looks like this

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Write your name?

Count your toys?

Play games and take turns?

Use a pencil and crayons?

Use scissors?

Put your PE kit on yourself?

Put your school clothes and shoes on yourself?

Tell someone when your birthday is?

Do you tidy up after yourself?

Can you use a knife and fork when eating?

Don't worry if you cannot do all these someone will always be there to help you.