

Autumn Term

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome, and thank you for choosing Benyon Primary School to begin your child's learning journey. This information letter will inform you about the experiences planned for our Reception children.

Characteristics of Effective Learning

Children will be given the opportunity to develop their Characteristics of Effective Learning. We will provide support and encouragement to ensure that children become creative, adventurous and resilient learners. The CoEL consist of the following and provide the foundations for future learning:

Playing and exploring - Children investigate and experience things, and 'have a go'.

Active learning - Children concentrate and keep on trying if they encounter difficulties, and enjoy achievements.

Creating and thinking critically - Children have and develop their own ideas, make links between ideas, and develop strategies for doing things.

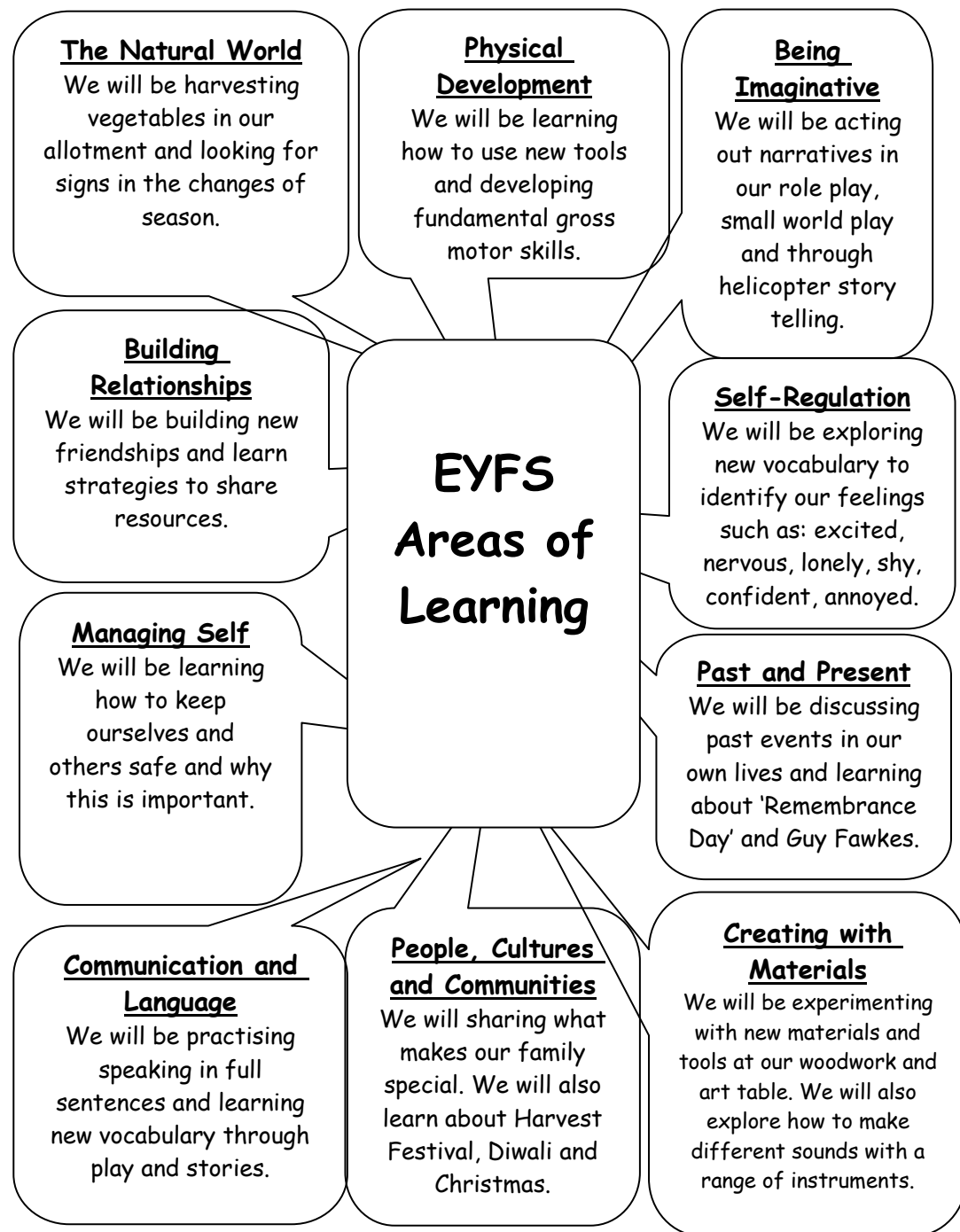
Literacy, We will have a daily literacy time that is focused around a popular book. Or stories this term are Monkey Puzzle, Funny Bones and the traditional tales The Little Red Hen, 3 Billy Goats Gruff and Little Red Riding Hood.

Phonics

The children have a daily phonics session. They will come home with a phonics book with the sounds they are learning. Please practise these at home with your child.

Maths, We will have daily sessions which will include: counting - both objects and actions, comparing groups of objects - which has more or fewer, estimating, recognising numerals and ordering objects by length, height or weight and exploring shapes, patterns by engaging in problem solving.

Island Time: Daily island time sessions will have a focus on speaking and listening skills and personal, social and emotional development such as swapping and sharing games; stories; phonics games, songs and rhymes, the sharing of news and celebration of different festivals.



General Reception Information:

Tapestry: You will receive details of your child's progress via Tapestry. You can access this via the Tapestry app or the Tapestry website. Please let a member of the team know if you are unable to access this.

Home Learning

The children will bring home a book from their class library for you to share with them. Children will be able to change their library book every **Friday**. All children will be issued with a reading book matched to their phonics level when they are ready. We encourage children to read their phonics book at home at least three times a week for five minutes. Please record when you read with your child in their yellow reading record book.

There are further activities suggesting how you can extend your child's learning at home below and shared on Tapestry.

Useful Links

[Oxford Owl for Home: help your child learn at home - Oxford Owl](#)

[Home Schooling | EYFShome.com](#)

[PhonicsPlay](#)

[Early Years - Topmarks Search](#)

We are happy to answer any queries at the end of the school day. We hope that by doing this, little issues can be quickly resolved. Anything that requires further assistance please book an appointment for a telephone call, through the office.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Follett-Brown and Mrs Bush

Parent Information



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