



Year R *Bushmead Primary School*

Autumn Term 1 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our Value for October is INTEGRITY

Our well-being theme this half term is TO CONNECT WITH OTHERS

We have had an amazing start to our year and the staff are so proud of how well the children have settled into life at Bushmead. It is so lovely to walk around our classrooms and see the children so happily engaged in their play, lessons and making new friendships.

Home time collection

Just a gentle reminder that school ends at 3:30pm. Please ensure that a parent or carer is here at that time to collect your child.

We would also like to clarify that our children must be collected by an adult or someone aged 14+ to ensure their safety.

Uniform

Please ensure that every item of your child's clothing and equipment is named please. When things do go missing, it makes it much easier for us to reunite items with their owners.

Children need a coat in school everyday, we do go outside and our good old British weather is so changeable!

In line with our uniform policy for Reception:

- children should not be wearing red knitted jumpers and need a plain red sweatshirt
- Plain black trainers or plain white trainers should be worn everyday
- We do not have a separate PE uniform for our children
- Hair accessories should be in school colours only and not too large

Phonics

As a school, we use the phonics programme 'Little Wandle' to teach our children how to read and word build. Children have a daily phonics lesson and have begun to learn the first phonemes (sounds) already. Next week, your child will be bringing home a Reading Record with all the phonemes we have learnt so far to practise at home with you. To support you with this, we will be putting some information and videos on our website and ClassDojo for you to use. The class teachers are also more than happy to help as well, should you need some advice.

Reading

Reading is very important at Bushmead and we endeavour to foster a love of books in all of our children. In class, we read stories daily with our classes and ensure they have opportunities to experience a wealth of different genres, authors and themes. In the next few weeks, your child will be bringing home reading books and a library book to share with you. We will write with more details nearer the time.

In the meantime, we encourage lots of story sharing at home. Children love hearing adults read to them and it provides a wonderful opportunity to build their vocabulary, understanding of the world around them and imaginations.

Dates and Events

Monday 2nd October - We begin celebrating Black History month

Thursday 5th October - National Poetry Day

Monday 16th October & Wednesday 18th October - Online Parents Consultation evening

Friday 20th October - INSET- Children do not attend school, staff only

Monday 23rd- Friday 27th October - Half term

Monday 30th October - Children return to school

Curriculum Overview

Phonics

- ★ To learn the phonemes s,a,t,p,i,m,n,d,g,o,c,k,ck,e,u,r,h,b,f,l
- ★ To begin to word build and blend
- ★ To learn the tricky words I, is, the

Maths

- ★ To recognise, write and know how to make numbers to 5
- ★ To be able to subitise (recognise amounts without needing to count) to 5
- ★ To compare and describe different amounts

Skills

- ★ To recall and talk about stories we have heard.
- ★ To ask questions and find out facts about owls
- ★ To think about feelings, both our own and those of characters in stories
- ★ To use our cutting and joining skills to make collages

PE

- ★ To move different parts of our bodies in a controlled way
- ★ To develop cooperation skills through games

Computing

- ★ To use technology to record things we have learnt
- ★ To use iPads to take and edit images

Music

- ★ To learn to sing a range of songs and nursery rhymes
- ★ To play simple percussion instruments

The Reception Team

Gemma Kiff, Daisy Padgett, Niamh Kelly

Our Vision:

At Bushmead, children are empowered to be active, confident learners where they are inspired to be creative and excel.

