

Dear Parents / Carers

This is the start of what we hope will be a successful and exciting first year of school for your child. We want to encourage your involvement in all aspects of your child's learning to help us understand your child as a whole.

Most of you will already be familiar with the school, through older siblings or from being in the Robins Nest, a huge welcome back and a big welcome to those families that are new to the school.

Throughout the year we will focus on 7 areas of development:

Prime Areas

Communication & Language, Personal, Social and Emotional development, Physical development

Specific Areas

Literacy, Maths, Understanding of the World, Expressive Arts and Design

We will be using Tapestry to keep you informed of your child's learning, this will be one or two observations per week on your child and a daily update of our learning. We will keep this to a minimum as uploading to tapestry takes us away from being with your child.

Should you wish to discuss your child's development, I am always available before or after school for an informal chat or if you require a more formal chat by appointment then please feel free to ask.

In September until October half term our theme is "All About Me" this gives us a starting point in getting to know your child, however moving forward themes will be more determined by what I find out about your child and their interests.

Later in the term you will be invited to attend a phonics workshop to see how we teach phonics in order to help your child at home.

I am very excited about getting to know you and your child.

Nicki Dunkley
Reception Class Teacher



Warmington School



All about me

Dates to remember and teaching arrangements

Monday 5th September 2022 – Children in until 12pm

Tuesday 6th September 2022 – Children in until 12pm

Wednesday 7th September 2022 – Children in until 1pm

Thursday 8th September 2022 – Children in until 1pm
(collect from green gate)

Friday 9th September 2022 – Children in until 1pm
(collect from green gate)

EYFS Staff

Mrs Dunkley will be the class Teacher with Madame Kernick will be teaching French to the Hedgehogs on a Wednesday morning, Mrs Ransom teaching PE Wednesday afternoons and Mrs Jones teaching Thursday mornings.

On Monday, Thursday and Friday afternoons the Hedgehogs will be joined by the Robins and their staff.

On Mondays and Fridays I will listen to all the children read and change their reading books if necessary. Please also feel free to ask if your child is ready for a new book before these days.

N.B. This document will also be available to view on the school website www.warmingtonschool.net.

COMMUNICATION, LANGUAGE & LITERACY:

I will be sharing a range of different texts with the children that link to learning "All About Me"

Starting School – written by Janet and Alan Ahlberg

Worried Arthur – Ladybird

What Friends Do Best – Johnathan Emmett

Additional books will be added throughout the term.

I will be following the Read Write Inc programme for reading and writing.

Once the children are settled in to their new school routines I will begin show and tell.

UNDERSTANDING THE WORLD:

I will be discussing with the children their families and different family traditions, learning about their family history. They will learn about similarities and differences between people.

PERSONAL, SOCIAL & EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT:

The children will be learning the routines of school and developing relationships with adults and peers. They will listen to different PSHE stories, learning about turn taking and sharing.

All about me

MATHS:

The children will begin by exploring the different maths resources within the classroom such as numicon and multi link. I will then focus on numbers 1,2,3 and their different representations.

The children will learn counting songs and play games involving counting forward and backwards.

EXPRESSIVE ARTS & DESIGN:

Children will begin using stubby crayons and chalk to develop their tripod grip. We will be doing self portraits and family portraits. The children will use paint and technology to complete their work.

Children will be involved in music on a daily basis.

PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT:

The children will have a structured PE lesson with Mrs Ransom on a Wednesday afternoon.

They will have the opportunity to use bikes and scooters to develop their gross motor skills.

Fine motor skills be developed by encouraging the correct pencil grip, scissor grip and being able to access pincer activities and threading activities.