

Kidbrooke Park Primary School

Reception Curriculum Overview

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Welcome to Reception

Happy September and welcome to EYFS at Kidbrooke Park! We hope you had a wonderful, relaxing Summer and you are ready to embark on your school learning journey. Our team are here to support your child every step of the way. Please make an appointment with your child's teacher if you need extra help or have any worries you would like to discuss. September is very busy for Reception children with new routines, friends and activities. Throughout the term, make sure to take care of yourselves, get enough rest and enjoy the process. We have a very busy and exciting term ahead and cannot wait to get to know your children.



Maths

During the first weeks of term, our mathematicians learn about number through play, songs and self-led learning while they get to know our number resources.

We use ten frames, number lines, Numicon and a variety of counting tools to develop a strong foundation of maths skills that the children will use throughout their schooling. Our first term focuses on matching, sorting and comparing sets. We will match numerals to quantities and subitising 1-3, delivering a maths mastery approach which insures deep understanding of each number.



Literacy and Phonics

Phonics is vital for reading and writing. Our school's scheme is [Little Wandle](#). Children will learn new sounds (GPC's - graphic phoneme correspondences) and segment/blend them into words. For example, t-a-p, becomes 'tap'. Phonics takes place daily at **9:00 am** and begins in week three. It is paramount that your child is on time to school, as their phonics learning is vital for success. Your children will receive two books with their homework: a Little Wandle Phonics book (read by your child) and a 'reading for pleasure' book (read by an adult / together). Please ensure you bring back these books. Without them being returned, we are unable to give another out.

Little Wandle website:

<https://www.littlewandle.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>

Routines and Behaviour for Learning

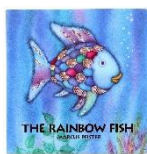
September is full of new routines. It is essential children begin to build their independence for optimal confidence and learning. We will support them to understand their new environment, daily routines (drop off and pick up, timetables, tidying, lunches and playtime). Each day, we will practise good listening, good sitting and good looking during our carpet times, with respect for different learning needs. We use visual timetables, Now and Next boards and all staff wear visuals to support children's understanding of these routines. Please speak to your child's teacher if you would like to talk further about routines.

Expressive Arts and Design

We are so excited for your children to begin exploring and creating in a variety of ways! In Reception, we will experiment with colour mixing, drawing, repeating patterns, joining and sticking, and using a wide range of art tools such as paintbrushes, stamps, crayons, pencils and pens. These activities not only spark creativity but also help to strengthen fine motor skills, providing excellent preparation for writing. Throughout the year, the children will enjoy exciting projects, including their very first self-portrait and artwork inspired by the stories we are learning together.

Talk through Stories

As part of literacy learning, we will become familiar with a range of wonderful books throughout the term.



Personal, Social and Emotional

Feelings and relationships are a prime aspect of our EYFS curriculum. The Zones of Emotional Regulation are used across the school and begin in Reception. These are **Green** (happy, focused), **Blue** (sad, tired or bored), **Yellow** (fizzy, nervous and some loss of control) and **Red** (angry, elated, loss of control).

Children learn to relate to themselves and others through these Zones and use tools to help them navigate big feelings and friendship challenges. We will learn that people each need different things, for example, when upset some children like space, others a cuddle!

Learn more [here](#).



A note from our team...

- ✓ Please make sure **every piece** of your child's school uniform is **clearly named**.
- ✓ All children should have a change of underwear/socks, a small plastic bag and wipes in their school bag. This means we can support with any potential accidents. Please let your child's teacher know if your child still requires support with toileting.
- ✓ **P.E days: RSG – Thursdays and RMB - Fridays**
- ✓ Children can choose a storybook to take home with them. We begin our phonics in Week 3 and begin taking Little Wandle reading practice books home in Week 3.
- ✓ Homework begins in Week 3.
- ✓ Our doors are always open for support. If you have any worries or concerns, please make an appointment to speak to your child's teacher after school, so we can give you more time to talk.

-The EYFS Team

