

Wellies

Please make use of the welly boot racks in the outside areas. Children can leave their named welly boots at school for muddy days.



WOW Slips

We enjoy celebrating the children's achievements and we will send home WOW slips for you to share your children's successes. When WOW slips are returned to school we will share them with the class and display them. WOW slips can celebrate anything from eating all their vegetables for the first time, to writing their name or riding a bike without stabilisers.



Building Works

We would like to thank you for your patience and understanding during the building works at our school. The children have enjoyed watching the diggers and we will use this to inspire our topic of construction later in the year. We are very much looking forward to it being completed and seeing six new classrooms for Year 1 and 2 children.



Reminders

- Please make sure your child arrives between 8:40 and 8:50 am
- Please remember to leave a message on the absence line if your child is not well enough to come to school.
- Please could all clothing, including shoes, be clearly named.



Joy Lane Primary School Year R Newsletter

Terms 1 and 2

This booklet gives a brief overview of some of the things we are doing this term. Firstly we would like to welcome you all to Joy Lane Primary School. We are very proud of how well the children have settled into school and we hope they are enjoying their new learning journey with us.



**Miss Kelly, Mrs Gaze, Miss Hayne, Mrs King,
Mrs Wilkins, Mr O'Keeffe, Miss Porter,
Mrs Oakley and Mrs Elbourn**



Year R Learning Themes

In the Early Years Foundation Stage we like to follow the children's interests and ideas. We will be focusing on the following topics:

All About Me

We will be looking at what makes us special and unique, comparing our similarities and differences. We will be using the stories of Elmer to begin our circle times and support our ideas.

English

We will be beginning our Letters and Sounds programme in daily phonics sessions. This will begin with a listening focus before moving on to the sounds that letters make. Speaking underpins a child's English development, therefore we will be focusing on developing the children's language skills through key vocabulary, circle times, role play and class discussions.

The children will be taking part in lots of activities designed to develop their fine motor skills in preparation for early mark making.

The children will be encouraged to hold their pencils correctly 'like a pinchy crab'. When letters are introduced to the children they will be in the cursive form. Please see your class teacher if you would like a copy of the cursive script.

Mathematics

We will be playing lots of Maths games as a class and in small groups and singing counting songs. We will be focusing on our number recognition, number formation and practising matching numerals to quantity correctly.



Personal, Social and Emotional Development

During the first term of school we will be building on our social and emotional skills. We will be developing our self confidence through a variety of circle games and activities. The children will be given opportunities to share their thoughts and ideas with the class and build on the friendships they have already begun to form.



Supporting your child at home

Next week your child will be able to choose a book from the book corner to share at home. Talk about the story with your child and ask them questions to develop their understanding of stories.

Soon your child will bring home staged school books. The first set of books will have no words. These books are designed to develop the children's story telling skills, aid their understanding of story

structure and practise using pictures as cues. All children develop at different rates and only once your child is ready to decode phonetically and blend their sounds together will their books contain words. We will provide homework journals after half term, once the children have settled into their new routine. These will include homework wheels and the children should choose one activity per week to complete.

