

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

As one of our prime areas of learning there is always a lot of focus on this area of the curriculum. However, this term we will be incorporating lots of activities that give the children opportunities to make friends, learn how to share, follow rules and instructions and to work together. We will also be encouraging independence within the setting.

Mathematics

In EYFS we start off your child's 'Big Maths' journey with 'Little Big Maths'. During these short sessions the children will be learning counting skills, number recognition and the beginnings of how we use numbers in the world around us.

Alongside our number work we will also be developing our understanding of positional language, shape, space and measure.

All of our maths work will be underpinned with related activities available to the children within the continuous provisions and around their environment.

Physical Development

Our outside area allows us to access a range of different resources that help us to develop gross motor skills. These include; trikes, ride on cars, ribbons and our lovely climbing frame.

As part of physical development, we will also be threading, drawing, cutting and taking part in regular dough disco sessions. All of these activities will help to strengthen the muscles in our hands and allow us to improve our pencil grip.

Assessment

The most effective way for young children to learn is through play. Our Early Years provision is enriched with play based activities aimed at encouraging and developing specific skills. Children will be observed during their play and as they engage with activities in nursery.

Our children are constantly learning from everything and everyone around them. We know that lots of learning happens wherever our amazing children are, so we would love to hear about any out of school achievements. Please take the time to fill in one of our stars and stick it to our celebrations wall.



Autumn 1 Elmers

Teachers:

Mrs English - Mon, Tue, Wed

Mrs Waller - Thurs, Fri

TAs:

Mrs Bracken & Mrs Laver

Welcome to a new year in Elmer class.
It's a new start for many of us, including some of the teachers.

We are all very excited about getting to know all the lovely Elmer children and their families. We are looking forward to getting the chance to work alongside parents and carers throughout the year at our stay and play sessions.

Our topic this half term is ...

All About Us

We will be looking at our class book, Elmer by David McKee and doing activities related to it.

We are also keen to find out more about each other, where we're from, what we look like etc

Useful Things to Know

Our Nursery is open – 8:50 – 3:05

To book sessions, changes to sessions, attendance, payments and sickness records please contact the main school office and please note that any extra sessions must be paid for and booked a week in advance.

Please encourage your children to be as independent as possible. This includes going to the toilet by themselves and putting on their coat and shoes by themselves.

Our class blog is up and running and you will be able to find the latest information on here along with photos and videos of what the children have been doing in the classroom.

www.walkley.sheffield.sch.uk

Please feel free to leave us comments on our blog and do not hesitate to speak to any member of our team if you have any questions.

Communication Language and Literacy

We will be introducing the children to letters and sounds (using RWI resources) through a range of practical activities. The children will learn a sound a week and will practise saying, reading, finding and writing this sound in different ways.

We will be encouraging children to mark make using a range of materials, both inside and out.

We will practise writing our names during registration times and throughout the day during free play.

Understanding the World

Through our main topic, this term we will be exploring ourselves and our families, thinking about who we are and where we are from.

The diversity at Walkley Primary School, means we encourage the children to explore cultures and communities using the countries represented as a starting point for learning. We have access to maps, videos and artefacts.

We are also very lucky to have a range of technology on offer for the children to explore, including – Ipads, Activ board, Storyphones and cameras.

Expressive Arts and Design

Linked to our class book Elmer, we will have a Jungle themed role play alongside the home corner for the children to take part in imaginative play.

We will be creating self-portraits, using mirrors to discuss our features and recognising our similarities and differences.

The children have access to a range of resources in the continuous provision to use their imaginations to create models and pictures.

The children will also be participating in dance and singing activities as well as experimenting with instruments.

Thank you for your support

**Mrs. C English, Mrs. L Waller,
Mrs. G Bracken & Mrs. J Laver**