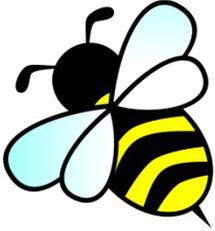


Welcome to school!



In September, all of our F2 children start school. We want every child to have the best possible start to school life and as such operate a phased entrance. Children initially come to school for either a morning or afternoon session. During this time they become more familiar with the school environment and daily routines and of course can make lots of new friends. Once children are in school for the full day they are very



familiar with the classroom and staff. This helps children to feel safe and secure in school. During the first few weeks of school we complete frequent observations of all children. This helps us to understand their learning styles and interests alongside their skills across the Areas of Learning.

Our teaching addresses the 3 Prime and 4 Specific areas from the Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum. Our planning ensures that each child receives suitable each day to move their learning forward. This is achieved balance of child-initiated activities, whole class teaching work. Children work within the F2 classroom and garden operate a continuous provision environment, meaning a range of opportunities such as sand, water, role play, writing, painting and construction that are always available for our children. Each day children participate in a phonics session, mathematics session and literacy session alongside a range of other activities including story and circle time.



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During the autumn term key skills are reinforced with our children. We encourage an effective 3 finger pencil grip for all children to support them with their writing skills. Within phonics, children develop their understanding of letter sounds and match these to letters. This supports children as they develop their early reading skills. Children will start to bring a school reading scheme book home to you after the October half term. In maths, children are encouraged to count carefully with one to one correspondence. Children recognise numerals and begin to solve number problems.



Throughout the day children can access our snack table. Children continuous access to drinking water. They also have the opportunity enjoy a healthy snack such as fruit. All children in F2 are entitled to a school meal. A number of options are available to the children each We encourage you to look at the menu and talk to your child about options each day. Parents can also choose to provide their child with packed lunch. After eating lunch, children join those in Years One Two for a time on our 'Active Playground' where they can join in with range of fun activities.



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Independence is of great importance at Prenton. Our children are encouraged to take care of their belongings alongside self-help skills such as fastening coats and putting on shoes. Each week, children take home a yellow Homework book that contains information about what has happened in school. This contains an activity for children to complete at home. This can range from a number game to a writing task to finding out information. All of these activities are designed to support children's learning. We ask that parents support their child to complete the homework task each week. Children are also expected to read their reading book at home alongside practising any phonic sounds and key words that are provided.



During the first half term of the school year parents are invited to attend a parent's evening appointment

with their child's class teacher. This gives the opportunity to discuss progress and how each child has settled into school life. Teachers are available at the start and end of the school day for informal chats and to share relevant information.