



Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to EYFS at Bracken Leas!
In our first newsletter of the year, we would like to give you a few reminders to help things run smoothly.

This term we will be gradually introducing the children to our Rainbow tasks, where the children have to complete over the week a variety of activities related to all the different learning areas in the EYFS curriculum. We hope that this will give the children opportunities to broaden their learning experiences. This term our topics will be 'Wonderful Me' and 'Autumn'.

We will continue to update you on whole class learning on Class Dojo. We are also using Dojo to reward positive behaviour and achievements with Dojo points. Unfortunately, we are not able to respond to messages so please contact the office or speak to us directly with any queries.

Your child's individual learning and progress will be recorded using Tapestry. Please let us know if you have not received an email to activate your account. Parents with older children should login to their account using their existing email and password. No email link is needed to set this up.

We have lots of exciting things planned for this term! Please see below for details on Outdoor adventure and PE. Clean PE kits will need to be brought to school every Wednesday.

<u>Personal, Social and Emotional Development</u>	Settling into the daily routines. Taking turns and sharing fairly. Beginning to know the rules and boundaries in Early Years. Making new friends. Discussing emotions using the colour monsters to help us talk about how we are feeling.
<u>Communication & Language</u>	Speaking in small and large groups. Talking about things we like. Listening carefully to our friends.
<u>Physical Development</u>	Using our big muscles to climb and balance, throw and kick a ball, and use equipment safely. Developing fine motor control to help us hold a pencil correctly. Practising self-care skills, e.g. putting on a coat.
<u>Literacy</u>	Writing our names correctly using a capital letter only at the start. Exploring mark making, talking about what we have 'written'. Matching sounds to letters.
<u>Maths</u>	Sorting and matching. Making comparisons between amounts and objects. Recognising and talking about patterns. Extend and create repeating patterns. Fast recognition of amounts up to 5.
<u>Understanding the World</u>	Getting to know the school environment. Knowing how we have changed. Finding similarities and differences with our friends.
<u>Expressive Arts & Design</u>	Exploring a variety of media. Talking about our creations. Telling stories in our small world and role play.

Children will be starting 'Outdoor Adventure' sessions on a **Tuesday** morning. For 'Outdoor Adventure' they will need to bring in a pair of wellies in a named carrier bag on their day and will be able to wear the puddle suits that we have at school.

Den: 29th September, 13th October, 3rd November, 17th November, 1st December

Lodge: 6th October, 20th October, 10th November, 24th November, 8th December

EYFS need help to restock our junk modelling regularly with any small boxes tubes and egg boxes.

We will be starting PE on Wednesday 23rd September. Children will need a white T Shirt, shorts and plimsolls as well as jogging bottoms, jumper and trainers. Please ensure all items are named and in a clearly named drawstring bag as space is limited.