



Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to EYFS at Bracken Leas! The children have settled in really well so far and have enjoyed their first week at school. In our first newsletter of the year, we would like to give you a few reminders to help things run smoothly and give you some information about the upcoming term.

This term we will be gradually introducing the children to our Rainbow Challenges, where they have to complete a variety of activities throughout the week independently. We hope that this will give the children opportunities to broaden their learning experiences.

This term the children will also be starting 'Outdoor Adventure' sessions on a **Tuesday** morning. 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: 18th September, 2nd October, 16th October, 6th November, 20th November.

Lodge: 25th September, 9th October, 30th October, 13th November, 27th November.

<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.
<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 ride bikes and scooters, climb and balance. Developing fine motor control. Practising self-care skills eg putting on coats.
<u>Literacy</u>	Writing our names correctly using capital letters only at the start. Exploring mark-making, talking about what we have 'written'. Matching sounds to letters.
<u>Maths</u>	Counting up to 10. Recognising numerals 0-10. Sorting and matching objects. Comparing 2 or 3 objects by weight or length.
<u>Understanding the World</u>	Getting to know the school environment. Knowing how we have changed. Finding similarities and differences with our friends. Learning to use the mouse.
<u>Expressive Arts & Design</u>	Exploring a variety of media. Telling stories in our small-world areas Exploring musical instruments.

EYFS are looking for any old usable padlocks and keys that you would like to donate and please help us to re stock our junk modelling with any boxes (no bigger than a cereal box) tubes and egg boxes.

Parents Evenings this term will be on Tuesday 2nd and Thursday 4th October. More details will be sent out soon.

Children will need to bring a filled water bottle into school every-day.

Please remember that packed lunches should not contain any nut products, chocolate bars or sweets.

Just a gentle reminder, please can all clothes, shoes and wellies be clearly named.

Check the website for further information.