

For more information regarding the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum please follow the links below:

- http://www.foundationyears.org.uk/files/2012/03/Early_Years_Outcomes.pdf
- <https://www.gov.uk/early-years-foundation-stage>
- <http://www.foundationyears.org.uk/files/2012/03/Development-Matters-FINAL-PRINT-AMENDED.pdf>
- <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/early-years-foundation-stage-profile-2018-handbook>

Home Learning

You will receive a **Home Learning Passport** detailing projects and questions for you and your child to complete at home. All home learning is carefully chosen to link closely with your child's school learning.

Reading books and reading records will be sent home every Friday.

At The Devonshire Hill Nursery & Primary School our vision is to equip your child with core academic and social skills needed to be prepared for life.

We teach our children:

Responsibility
Initiative
Curiosity
Optimism

Independence
Generosity
Perseverance
Social Intelligence

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

Our topic this half term is: **Growing**

We will be learning about planting and growing flowers, vegetables and herbs. Children will be watering their plants and observing their growth in the coming weeks, before taking them home to look after them during the holidays.

We will encourage children to play together and take turns with activities and resources in our indoor and outdoor role-play and construction areas. We will support children to choose resources themselves to complete their activity and develop confidence in asking for help if they need it.

There will be opportunities to share our feelings and celebrate achievements. Please praise your child when they achieve something and encourage them to persevere when they are finding something difficult.

Understanding the World

We will be planting seeds and bulbs, observing plants growth and changes. We will discuss what plants need to live and how to look after them. We will investigate the lifecycles of a bean and flower, discuss patterns, similarities and differences, and frequently ask 'how?' and 'why?' to help us discover the way in which things work. Talk to your child about plants you have in the house / garden or you can see in the park. Let your child help you care for house plants and water them.

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Curriculum Information

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Reception

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Successful Learners

Communication and Language

We will be reading and discussing lots of books about growing plants:

- **“Jack and the beanstalk”**
- by Benjamin Tabart
- **“Jasper’s Beanstalk”**
- By Nick Butterworth
- **“The Tiny Seed”**
- by Eric Carle
- **“The Enormous Turnip”**
- by Aleksey Nikolayevich Tolstoy
- **“The Growing Story”**
- by Ruth Krauss
- **“I Really Wonder What Plant I'm Growing”**
- by Lauren Child

We will also be reading information books about Easter and baby animals.

This will generate communication and language opportunities and help us to develop our vocabulary as well as our listening and attention skills. Please encourage your child to answer ‘how?’ and ‘why?’ questions and to recall events from stories that they have read at school. Encourage them to learn and use new words and ask them to explain to you the meaning of the words.

Mandarin

Children are learning basic language relating to transport and travel. Pupils will begin to communicate by asking ‘what is your name’. Children will also learn about Chinese traditions .

Mathematics

We will continue to use **Mathematics Mastery**. This exciting maths scheme teaches maths through ‘hands-on’ investigation which will help your child to develop a deeper understanding of key mathematical concepts.

www.mathematicsmastery.org/

This half term focuses on learning to count reliably within 20. Pupils will explore the components of numbers within 20 and apply our number sense when problem solving, addition and subtraction. This half term we will also explore shape and pattern discussing the properties of both 2-D and 3-D shapes as well as remembering the names of different shapes.

Literacy

Phonics lessons will continue to take place daily using the **‘Read Write Inc.’** programme

www.ruthmiskin.com/en/parents/

Children are given the opportunity to explore books in small groups. This may involve books without words where the children are encouraged to tell the story, learn how to handle books, discover the directionality of print, look at and learn high frequency words and talk about familiar stories. Children need to see adults enjoying books, so staff and parents are encouraged to share their love for reading with the children. We expect all children to read or be read to regularly at home which should be recorded in their Home Reading Journals. Ensure variety by reading stories, poems and fiction books and take time to explain the meanings of different words.

Children will continue to practise forming letters correctly as well as developing their ability to read simple words using sound they learned in phonics.

Please continue to encourage your child to practise daily writing their name and forming capital and lower case letters correctly.

Expressive Art and Design

Pupils will learn about observational drawing of objects. They will explore colours textures and materials through collage and painting. They will also learn about the construction process and the tools and techniques that can be used to assemble materials creatively and safely.

See if you can help your child at home to make a model from recycling boxes and draw pictures of objects or plants and talk about their creations.

Physical Development

We will be experimenting different ways of moving, and practising jumping from different apparatus in both our PE lessons and when we are in our outside learning areas.

We will develop an understanding of physical activity by learning that exercise is fun and it makes us feel good.

Please keep encouraging your child to dress and undress independently. You can also help your child to hold their writing implements such as pencils, crayons and pens using a comfortable grip and support them with their cutting skills.

PE will be on Fridays for both Pearl Class and Opal Class.

All children are required to take part in physical education. Please ensure that your child has a school PE kit with plimsolls in school on their PE day.

All items in your child's PE kit must be clearly marked with their name.