

Beech Green Early Years Foundation Stage Information Evening.

The Aims of the evening are:

- To share information about the **new** Early Years Foundation Stage.
- To provide ideas about the types of experiences and activities your child will be involved in.
- To understand your child's Progress File (Nursery) or Learning Journey (Reception).
- To answer any questions that you may have.

The Early Years foundation Stage (EYFS) runs from birth to the end of children's first year at school. (Reception). There are seven areas, which are:

'Prime Areas'

- **Personal, Social and Emotional Development**

We encourage the children to have a positive sense of both themselves and others and to develop into independent, self-confident, enthusiastic individuals with appropriate social skills. We aim to instil a positive attitude towards learning.

- **Communication and Language**

We support the children in the development and use of an extended vocabulary, encouraging them to communicate in a variety of ways. Speaking and listening skills are developed and put into practice with a wide range of audiences and opportunities are also provided for the children to gain confidence in using questioning skills.

- **Physical Development**

We encourage the development and enhancement of fine and gross motor skills, promoting the awareness of how bodies work. We also provide opportunities for children to gain a greater understanding of the need to be healthy and safe.

'Specific Areas'

- **Literacy**

We provide a text rich environment that promotes the development of reading and writing. We use the 'Jolly Phonics' scheme to cover 'Letters and Sounds'

Mathematics

We provide a broad and balanced range of opportunities to encourage children to develop their counting skills, understanding and use of numbers, together with calculations, problem solving and describing shapes, spaces and measures. We also promote the correct use and understanding of mathematical vocabulary.

Understanding the World

We promote exploration and questioning in order to help children build an understanding of the world in which they live and the community they belong to. We encourage observation of different people, places and environments. We provide many opportunities for the children to learn about the uses of a range of ICT equipment and also to use it to enhance their learning.

Expressive Arts and Design

We foster the development of creativity through a wide and varied range of opportunities and materials, recognising that the process the children go through is more important than the finished product. In doing this we encourage and value individual self-expression in music, movement, dance, role-play and design and technology.

The Role of Parents - How You Can Support Your Child.

- Wow vouchers.
- Parent's evenings and meetings.
- Keeping us informed.
- Encouraging your child's independence.
- Sharing a supportive working relationship with Nursery and School.

Please feel free to ask any questions that you have.

Thank you all very much for your continued support.

Sonya Whitfield, Tina Mansfield, Philippa Owen and the Foundation Stage Team.