

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the Early Years (EYFS) Class!

In **EYFS**, we'll be setting off on a fantastic learning journey as we explore our '**All About Me!**' topic!



We'll be getting to know each other and making new friends.

We'll be finding out about the differences and similarities between ourselves and others and celebrating our own uniqueness. We will also think about our emotions and how we can feel different things at different times - especially as we embark on this new adventure together at school.

The most important way in which you can help your child at home is to share books and stories with them. From school, your child will soon receive one phonic-based book and one 'library' book. The library book is a book your child will choose independently from the school library for you to share with them at home. The phonics book will be allocated through our Little Wandle Phonics scheme and will be a "Collins BIG CAT" book. Please see Arbor to pay a deposit for a 'real' book. If we do not receive payment, your child will be allocated an interactive book online which you can access through a device such as a tablet, ipad, computer or phone. Please record any reading inside your child's Reading Record Book - which will be sent home soon.

PE lessons will commence later in the term, when the children have settled and are familiar with the school setting and rules. We will message you in advance to let you know the date. When PE lessons begin, children will need to come into school wearing their PE kits on a 'PE day' and they will wear them all day.

Please wear school uniform in the meantime.

Please also make sure that your child has a **coat** in school each day as we go outside in all weathers!

Main Activities/Outcomes	How you can help at home/useful information
Communication & Language We'll be enjoying having conversations and getting to know each other! We'll be doing lots of listening activities and learning how to be part of a larger group. The children will have opportunities for role-play and other imaginary play.	Chat with your child and help them learn new words. Talk especially about the books you're reading together. Encourage your child to follow simple instructions and to join in with songs and rhymes. Set-up simple role-play activities e.g. playing shops to encourage conversation.



Physical Development We'll be trying out the play equipment at school and learning how to keep safe and share. We'll be working hard on our finger control - doing lots of fun activities; such as playing with playdough and sand and mark-making with chalks, pens, pencils and paintbrushes! We'll be practising balancing, jumping, running, skipping, throwing and catching! We will also ride the EYFS trikes to strengthen our leg muscles and coordination.	Encourage your child to practise writing their name (with a capital letter at the beginning and the rest in lower-case letters). Do activities to strengthen their fingers - e.g., building with Lego, using playdough, threading beads, finger-painting. Do some physical activities such as going for a walk or playing 'catch' together.
Personal, Social & Emotional Development We'll be learning about who we are and what makes us unique. We'll be learning about our school values and rules and how we can best work and play well together.	Chat about what the children feel they're good at. Talk about how important it is to try new things and that we learn by our mistakes! Encourage them to understand that it's ok to be different.
Maths Our maths will be very practical. We'll be learning about representing, comparing and composing numbers within five. We'll be comparing amounts and talking about 'more', 'fewer', 'equal to'. We'll have fun comparing, weighing and measuring items related to our topic. We'll learn about 2D shapes and patterns. We will also meet the Numberblocks!	Encourage your child to use their maths skills in everyday life, e.g., counting how many steps you need to take to walk from one room to another; counting forwards and backwards; asking which pile of items has more and which has fewer (e.g. using grapes or snacks). Participate in activities at home such as baking or filling up containers where you need to compare/weigh/measure.
Literacy We'll be learning the sounds that letters make and putting these together to read words! We'll be learning how to write the letters and how to put sounds together to spell simple words. We'll be enjoying lots of shared story and book times.	Talk about the words and letters you see in the environment, e.g., signs in the supermarket, road names, writing on food packets. Read to your child as much as you can! This can include books from home, the library or school.
Understanding the World We'll be thinking about our own life stories, especially our families and how we've grown since we were babies. We'll learn about how different	Look back at photos/videos of when your child was a baby. Chat about how they've grown and changed.

families have different traditions and customs. We'll compare different homes and find out about how homes have changed over time. We'll learn about our school community - how we work as a team and about different people's jobs and roles. 	Look around you when you're out in the community. How are the homes the same/different? Why? Which homes are older, which are newer? How do you know? Find out about special times in different communities and faith groups e.g., Christmas, birthdays, Diwali, Hanukkah. What special events do you like to celebrate at home?
Expressive Arts and Design We'll be doing lots of topic-based designing & making activities using different media e.g. paint, playdough, pens, collage materials, recyclables. We'll be singing lots of songs and rhymes and using simple percussion instruments. 	Encourage your child to be creative and imaginative! e.g. Can they think of a way to make a boat from a collection of materials? Take some time to have fun with saying rhymes or singing songs. Experiment with model-making, painting, drawing. 

Throughout the year, I will be posting class updates and messages using the 'Marvellous Me' app; so please sign up to this (using the details you've been given).

The staff will also be uploading photographs to Tapestry. Please sign up to this - as soon as it becomes available - to share in your child's learning. (Please check your junk/spam emails as the initial activation email can sometimes get lost.)

Thank you for your support and welcome to the Frinton Primary School Family!

We're really looking forward to working in partnership with you.

Best wishes,

Mrs Rosalind Bryson (Class Teacher)

Mrs Warren, Mrs Flaherty and Miss Baker (Learning Support Assistants)