



EYFS

Guide to

Autumn term 1 2016



Our curriculum at Summerlea is creative and designed to forge links between the different areas of learning. Each topic we study is led by a driving question to get us thinking. We have listed the **main EYFS** curriculum areas that will be addressed through each question and have given a brief outline of what we will be learning.

This half term our driving question will be...

What makes me special?

This is an amazing opportunity for your child to share their interests, likes, dislikes and families with their new class mates and to get to know their new school. Throughout this half term, we will be exploring these mini-questions:

Who am I?

What is my new school like?

Who are my friends and family?

English: We will be reading a range of fiction and non-fiction books based around welcoming your child into school, daily routines and different families, as well as sharing favourite stories. We are looking forward to introducing the Library to the children and then engaging in weekly Library sessions, where the children can choose a book to take home to share with you each week.

Fun phonics: At the start of the term, we will working with your child 1:1 to see which phonic sounds they are familiar with. We will then be teaching phonics, introducing a sound a day, following the RWI scheme. More information will follow about how we teach reading in the reading meeting for parents.

Mathematics: During this half term, we will be working with your child 1:1 to check their number recognition and counting skills. This then helps us personalise our teaching and their number learning, in addition to our daily counting and number chanting activities. We will be introducing a weekly number focus and exploring 2D shapes.

Understanding the world: We will be introducing our school values and rules as well as getting to know our new environment and will be touring the school to meet the other adults and children.

Expressive Arts and Design: At the start of the term, we are looking forward to seeing the children's drawings of themselves and their families and will be making portrait pictures, using different materials and media. Each child will be designing their own front cover for their special Learning Journal, using media of their choice. Over the entire first term, through self-exploration, we will be looking at the different colours, learning about primary colours (red, blue, yellow) and how to use the three primary colours to make other secondary colours. We will also be focussing on how to make colours lighter and darker.

Outside learning: Outside learning is a huge part of our Early Years teaching and learning experiences at Summerlea school and your child has daily access to all the curriculum areas in our well-equipped outside area. We include daily and weekly challenges and encourage self-initiated explorations.

EYFS news and information

The team:

Miss Rhoades (EYFS leader and Maple class teacher)

Mrs McConnochie (Ash class teacher)

Mrs Robins (Willow class teacher)

*Mrs Gordon, Mrs Chittenden, Miss Parson, Mrs Gingell and Mrs Pankhurst
(Teaching assistants)*

Mrs Burge and Mrs Moynihan (PPA cover)

Timetable:

Library: Tuesdays - Please make sure they have their book each week.

PE: Weekly indoor PE, either on Monday or Tuesday. Your child will need indoor PE clothes and plimsolls. Their PE bag is sent home at the end of each half term.

ICT: Your child will visit our fully equipped ICT suite regularly.

Exciting days and events:

Roald Dahl day – Tuesday 13th September – Your child can come into school dressed as their favourite Roald Dahl character.

Reading meeting – Letter to follow shortly.

Harvest assembly to parents at the end of Autumn 1 – Letter to follow.

Inset day – Monday 31st October

Requests:

Please make sure your child's clothing is clearly named, as this makes changing back from PE a lot easier.



If you wish to send a snack in for your child each day, please ensure that this is a 'healthy' snack (eg-fruit bar, crackers) and does not contain nuts or chocolate. It may also be helpful to name it, so it doesn't wander off into another child's mouth!



Remember, water bottles come home each night, so you can refill them.

Please bring in wellies for your child to keep under their peg. It is also really helpful if your child could bring in a waterproof coat (old is fine) that can be kept on their peg in school, as we do go outside in all weathers. Thank you.



If you would like to help in your child's class, please see their class teacher.

Please don't hesitate to get in touch with your child's teacher if you have any concerns. Our doors are always open.