



Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn 2017

Terms 1 & 2

Reception

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Lyncrest for all our new parents and welcome back to all our existing parents! We have high hopes for this group of children and are really looking forward to the year ahead!

The Reception team consists of Mrs Collyer and Mrs Morgan as class teachers with Miss Bluck as our full time learning support assistant. We are in the process of recruiting another full time learning support assistant which will complete our team.

Weekly Newsletter - www.lyncrestprimary.net

The school publishes a newsletter on our website every Friday and you can have an e-newsletter copy by filling in your details. It is very important to read the newsletter every week as this is the way the school tells you important information and dates.

If you require a paper copy of the newsletter then please let the office know.

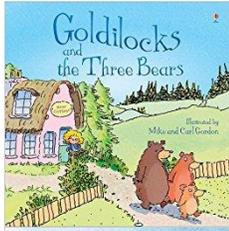
Curriculum - At the beginning of the year your children are learning how to make friends, our class routines and the high expectations we have at Lyncrest. This is called personal, social and emotional development (PSED).

We are also conducting 'baseline' tasks to find out your child's specific learning needs. We use the NFER baseline.

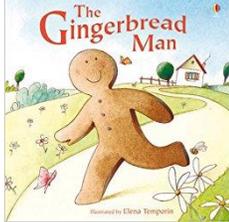
Here is what we will be busy with during this term as we begin the topic 'Autumn at School' with a focus on English traditional tales.

The festivals we will study include Diwali, Bonfire Night, Harvest and Christmas.

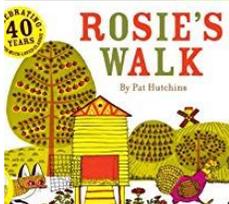
We try and base our learning on stories and the stories we aim to cover this term are:



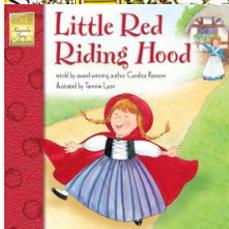
Goldilocks
and the
Three Bears



The
Gingerbread
Man



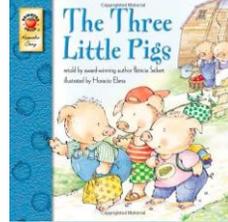
Rosie's Walk



Little Red
Riding Hood



The Little Red Hen



The Three Little
Pigs



Hansel and Gretel

This is an outline plan because we respond to the interests of the children so don't be surprised if we go off topic!

The Foundation Stage curriculum has seven main sections which is sub divided into 17 areas of learning. These are:

Prime areas of learning:

- Personal, Social and Emotional Development
 - Making Relationships
 - Self-confidence and Self-awareness
 - Managing Feelings and Behaviour
- Physical Development
 - Moving and Handling
 - Health and Self-Care
- Communication and Development
 - Listening and Attention
 - Understanding
 - Speaking

Specific areas of learning:

- Literacy
 - Reading
 - Writing
- Mathematics
 - Numbers
 - Shape, Space and Measure
- Understanding the World
 - People and Communities
 - The World
 - Technology
- Expressive Arts and Design
 - Exploring and Using Media and Materials
 - Being Imaginative

We gather evidence for these areas of learning throughout the year. If you would like any more information about the Foundation Stage Curriculum, please ask.

Numeracy - In the Autumn Term we concentrate on number and 2D shape recognition and describing shapes. Please help your child spot numbers and 2D shapes in the environment.

Read Write Inc. information events - dates to be confirmed - Read Write Inc. is the tremendously effective scheme we use to teach reading, writing and spelling. Your child will be taught in a small group with other children who have the same learning needs.

You need to come along to one of the information events to find out more about the scheme and how you can help your child succeed. This will be useful even if you have attended before with your older children as we change things all the time.

The children will be assessed for their Read Write Inc. groups in their first weeks and we will make a start on these lessons as soon as we have finished our baseline assessments.

P.E. - We will have P.E. on Fridays. Please remove your child's earrings on this day and teach your child to dress and undress themselves.

Make sure all their clothing is labelled!

Post-it assessments - We expect you to help us build up the evidence towards your child's end of Foundation Stage assessments. You can do this by telling us anything special they do at home on a star shaped post-it note or through 2BuildaProfile system to put on their 'Well done' board and eventually their special book. Please keep an eye on your child's board to see what we have noticed!

Lyncrest Lending Library / Celebration Assembly - On alternate Friday afternoons we will hold either Lyncrest Lending Library or Celebration Assembly from 2.40 and 3.15pm.

Lyncrest Lending Library is an opportunity for you to share books with your child and borrow them for free like a library. Any books need to be returned the following session before your child can borrow a new one.

These sessions will begin on Friday 22nd September 2017.

Celebration Assembly is a special assembly where we celebrate Student of the Week and any certificates the children have from outside school, e.g. swimming awards etc.. If your child has a certificate from outside of school or is chosen to be our Student of the Week then you are warmly invited to come and see them be a star!

Termly Learning Conferences - dates to be confirmed.

At Lyncrest our parent's evenings are called TLC's. Approaching the time of the TLC's you will sign up for a 15 minute slot and come

along with your child to discuss their learning and how we work together to help them achieve their potential. The first TLC's focus on how your child is settling into school and to set their first learning targets.

Harvest Festival - date to be confirmed - The school holds an annual Harvest Festival in which all children at Lyncrest perform a song or play an instrument. This is a lovely opportunity to see your child shine and all are welcome.

Homework - Now your child is in Reception we will expect you to support them daily at home in the following ways:

- Listen to your child read
- Practise their sounds
- Practise word building (Word Times)
- Practising their letter and number formation

We understand that in a busy week it is difficult to fit everything in, but even small amounts of time will help your child to make great progress.

There is a lot of information to take in when your child first begins school so please feel free to talk to us if you have any queries at all.

The Reception Team