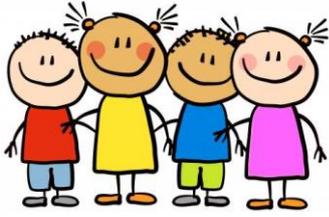


Welcome to Francis Class



We are named after Professor Dame Jane Francis who is the Director of British Antarctic Survey.

Her current work focuses on understanding past climate change during both greenhouse and icehouse periods, particularly in the polar regions, the areas on Earth most sensitive to climate change.

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to EYFS and look forward to working in partnership with you throughout the coming year.

Our topic for the autumn term is 'Special People and Celebrations'.



In EYFS, we follow the children's interests so although our broad topic for autumn term is Special People and Celebrations, this will look very different for each unique child. We will talk about people who are special to us (such as family members), we will celebrate similarities and differences between ourselves, we will celebrate achievements in class (e.g. making new friends, learning something new) as well as achievements from home. Later on in the term, we will have opportunities to learn about some festivals and the different ways some people celebrate them.

Literacy



After giving your children a few weeks to settle into their new class (and school), we will begin phonics teaching. Your child will come home with some sounds that they will have learnt in class. Please support your child to practise recognising these letters and very soon, they will begin to be able to blend the sounds together to read words. Your child will also be bringing home some keywords that we would like you to practise with them at home. We will check your child's progress with their keywords weekly and add new words to the wallet as needed.



Your child will also be bringing home reading books to share with you. Class staff will hear your child read individually twice a week and will change their book as appropriate. In class, your child will also be practising writing their name and learning to spell some of their keywords.

Please bring bookbags (with reading diary and keyword wallet) to school every day.

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Maths

We will have daily maths sessions in

class and will of course be exploring all the maths opportunities in the children's play too.

This term in our work on number we will focus on; subitising, recognising parts within numbers, reciting numbers to 20 and back, counting accurately, using mathematical terms such as more/less/fewer/ equal to/is the same as.

In our work in shape and measures, we will be focusing on; identifying flat and curved sides in 2d and 3d shapes, using the terms long/short big/small and sequencing to these criteria, using everyday words related to time and reciting the days of the week.

PE

Our PE day is Friday. Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school and it is all fully labelled. It is important that the children are able to change their clothes independently. Please practise changing with your child (especially putting on socks and tights!). If your child wears earrings, you must ensure these are not worn on Fridays or your child will be unable to take part in our PE lesson.



Homework

- Each child is expected to read at home regularly and parents must write in the reading diary.
- Children are expected to practise their keywords regularly and parents must write in the reading diary.
- All children have access to Mathletics and Spelling Shed. Your child's login details are inside the front cover of their reading diary.
- Your child will also be given some 'Wonder words' to discuss and learn at home to help boost spoken vocabulary.



Clothing

Children in EYFS have access to the outside area every day, in all weathers. Please ensure that they come to school with coats, hats, scarves, gloves, etc. as the weather gets colder. Children should also have wellies that stay in school. Please ensure all clothing is named - including shoes!

As children in EYFS have access to physical equipment daily, please ensure children's long hair is tied back every day. This is for their safety.



Please contact us on Class Dojo or speak to us at the end of the day (after all children have been seen out) if you have any questions!

We look forward to a very successful year with your wonderful children.

Miss Machin, Mrs Rose, Mrs Byham, Miss Hardings and Miss Gasson.