



Kirkbride Primary School
Explore. Learn. Grow



Welcome back! We are very excited for the new Autumn term in Acorn Class at Kirkbride! We do hope you had a restful summer holiday. Where did time go? We are very excited to be starting in our lovely new setting. Welcome to all of our new children and parents.

Phonics- Reception will be starting our phonics program called "Sound Write". There will be some more information to follow. Reading books will be sent home very soon on a weekly basis, and reading with your child will be very beneficial to develop their confidence and understanding of 'book talk'. Nursery children will be starting Phase 1 of Letters and Sounds which focuses on listening skills, responding and questioning.

We are over the moon with our newly re vamped setting. You are more than welcome to bring your child in on a morning if you wish but we would encourage the children to come in independently if they can. They now have their own peg and know the morning routines.

We have planned this first half term around the children's interests and we will continue to build on this. We have a flexible EYFS curriculum which includes some focused and some independent learning, including indoor and outdoors. Our mini topics include- dinosaurs, scarecrows and harvest and Marvelous me! Please see topic web for more detail.

Clothing -If it is raining, it is essential that your children wear a waterproof coat and if it is sunny please send your child to school with a sun hat and sun cream. Acorn class will need PE kits on a Wednesday and a Thursday and forest school clothes on a Monday for the full term. As the seasons change they will need appropriate clothing and wellies. We recommend you leave a pair of wellies and spare clothes at school. Please remember to put names in everything.

Self-regulation-

This is a huge part of the EYFS Curriculum and it means the children try and take responsibility for themselves. We encourage this through decision making when choosing self-registration and discussing feelings and emotions every day. We also encourage the children to use our self-service snack area and even wash and dry their own dishes. We also have our self-service playdough station which is very messy as you can imagine, but it is working well.

Snack money-

We have our self-service snack area and we buy extra such as cereal, toast etc. We will also be making our own snacks such as fruit kebabs and baking. Therefore, we would like to ask for a voluntary £1 a week towards snack money. Please put money in a named envelope. You can pay weekly or half termly.

We are really proud of all of our lovely children, who have settled really well.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact us by dojo or email or arrange an appointment after school.

Thank you.

Mrs Wiedman, Mrs Barley and the EYFS team.