

Hunmanby Primary School



EYFS Butterflies Nursery Curriculum Newsletter- Autumn 2023

Welcome to all our Butterflies Nursery children both old and new. We hope you all had a lovely summer and are enjoying spending time exploring your new classes. We have been looking forward to seeing you all and can't wait for the year ahead!

Our Early Years Curriculum

We are following the 2021 Statutory Framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage and are '**child led**' in our learning. The children's interests are at the heart of our curriculum and we draw learning opportunities out of their play. In order to provide a foundation for the children's learning, we also introduce new topics/ themes on a half termly basis. The scheme we use throughout school is called 'Curriculum Maestro' which provides fun and stimulating activities and lessons, which ensures a thorough coverage of the learning objectives throughout EYFS.

This half term our topic will be '**Me and my Community**' whereby we will be finding out lots about you and your family and friends, as well as learning about people who help us in our community. We will also be looking at '**Build it up**' which involves using construction sets and tools to plan and build models. We will look at stories and non fiction books such as the 'Three little Pigs' to think about materials.

Our next half term topic will be '**Marvelous Machines**' along with '**Puppets and Pop ups**' which should be lots of fun and encourage our creativity. Not forgetting some lovely Christmas activities too to enjoy.

Throughout the day, children take part in short focus sessions to learn new skills and concepts:

Literacy

- Butterflies children will practise listening skills through games, stories and rhymes.
- Children will expand communication and language skills through talking about stories , talk time and circle time sessions.
- We also follow a phonics program in class called Little Wandl. This involves short daily focus sessions where children begin to become familiar with letter sounds and blending. There is also focus once a week on a story from the scheme.

Mathematics

Butterflies children will be singing number songs, counting and matching objects.

All children also enjoy 'free-flow' time within the whole foundation unit including accessing the outdoor area. Children follow their interests and staff respond by extending their skills through these interests.

All classes will also have daily story time sessions.

Our staff

Butterflies Nursery Class
Mrs Stather Mon /Tues full day. Weds a.m Nursery Teacher
Mrs Starkey Weds p.m. Thurs/Fri full day Nursery Teacher
Miss Bradley Teaching Assistant (A.M) Mrs Simpson Teaching Assistant (Mon /Tues P.M) Miss Warkup Teaching Assistant (Weds/Thurs/Fri

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School start time

Butterflies (Nursery class)- Whole Day session 8.45am- 3.10pm

Morning session 8.45am-11.45am

Afternoon session 12.15pm-3.10pm

Tapestry Online Learning Journals

We use Tapestry to record observations of children's learning and assess progress and plan Next steps in Learning. Please can new parents/ carers fill in a form as soon as possible- ask a member of staff for more details. Don't forget you can comment on observations and even add your own.

If you haven't already, could you please update the 'All about Me' section on Tapestry to help us get to know the children in each class.

Outdoor play

Learning outdoors is an essential part of the curriculum. Children must bring a coat to school every day as we play and learn outside in all weathers! Children may also bring in their own named wellies.

Reading/ Sharing Books

All children in Butterflies have the opportunity to choose a book to bring home for you to enjoy with your child. These will be available on the table outside the classroom. Please fill in your child's reading record book and place in the blue box alongside.

PE

Butterflies children will have a music and movement / PE session on a Friday morning (only if your child is in on this session) All children will need to come to school in suitable PE clothes (hoodie, joggers and trainers) on this day and will stay in these clothes until they are collected.

Labelling uniform and PE kit

We would really appreciate if you could label your child's uniform/coats and shoes. This will prevent losing jumpers and cardigans and save us time at the end of the day.

Website

Don't forget you can read about and see photos of what we have been doing on our class web pages at www.hunmanbyprimary.co.uk

We also have our own Twitter page @HunmanbyEYFS Please follow us so you can see what we've been doing.

Feel free to ask your child's teacher/ key worker if you have any queries or concerns.

Mrs Stather, Mrs Starkey and the EYFS Team .