Blossom Learning Base

Class Information

Mrs Nathani Class 1

Welcome to Class 1

Hello everyone and a very warm welcome to our brand new Learning Base. The children are loving the sensory spaces and are engaging well.

We have two sensory spaces- The Calming Sensory Sea which is our calming (low) sensory room and our Lily of the Valley room which is our high sensory room. The children have access to these rooms each day.

Please find some pointers below to support your child:

* Please label all items of clothing with your child’s name – this will really help when trying to find any lost ties or jumpers, etc.
* Please ensure your child brings enough water to drink each day and, if necessary, sun screen and appropriate weather related clothing.

What Are We Learning?

**Classroom Routines:** The children are doing amazingly well at coming to the table for breakfast, snack and lunch. We are also having lots of fun with our good morning song- some of the children are already joining in with the Makaton signs. We are also experiencing learning about the Days of the Week using Makaton signs!

**Play:**  Our play ethos is child led play. The children are already demonstrating confidence to share preferences for the toys and we are observing lots of lovely interactions and communication with staff.

**Numeracy:** The children are enjoying and engaging well with numeracy experiences. We are developing our number recognition using nursery rhymes which is currently 1,2,3,4,5 and can show number 1 on our fingers.

**Literacy:** We are continuing to foster our communication using Makaton and visual stimuli. The children are responding well to this!

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In Term 1 our focus will be on Inventors and Problem Solvers. Working with the children we will be exploring and getting creative with a range of skills and materials. I can’t wait to see our inventions and models!

Homework

* Homework will be issued on a Monday and should be returned on a Thursday.
* At the start of the year Homework tasks will consist of learning our sounds and words and numeracy linked to what the children are learning that week in class.

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**Outdoor and Active Learning**

We are excited to be exploring outdoor and active learning this year and will be accessing these curricular areas as often as possible.

We love playing outdoors and we are enjoying spending time in our garden. We are going to develop a sensory garden throughout the year and are excitedly beginning to plan this with the children!

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**PE Days**

Primary 2/1 will have PE on Mondays and Wednesday.

Our Learning Base Class 2 PE day is Wednesday.

Mrs McClelland will let you know individually when your child’s mainstream PE class day is.

Children should come to school dressed in their PE kits on these days with their school jumper.

PE kits should consist of black/blue shorts or leggings, a white/blue/yellow/black t-shirt and appropriate trainers.

Hair should be tied back and all jewellery should be removed/earrings taped.





**Home/School Diaries**

The children will each receive a communication diary daily. This will outline the curricular areas the children have experienced as well as highlighting key experiences throughout the day. Please feel free to respond to the diaries if you wish!

**Getting in Touch…**

If you would like to contact Mrs Nathani or Mrs McClelland at all this year, please phone/email the office and the team will be able to assist you:

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