



September 2017



Welcome back EYFS!

A great start!

Your child has made a wonderful start in Early Years and we are delighted with the way all the children are settling in. We would just like to give you some information about the type of learning that your child will experience in the Early Years Foundations Stage at Chisenhale School. We use **Development Matters Guidance** which consists of

3 prime areas:

- *Personal, Social and Emotional Development*
- *Communication and Language*
- *Physical Development*

and 4 specific areas:

- *Literacy*
- *Mathematics*
- *Understanding the World*
- *Expressive Arts and Design*

We also use the following **Characteristics of Effective Learning**, which move through all areas of learning.

- *playing and exploring*
- *active learning*
- *creating and thinking critically*

www.foundationyears.org.uk/files/2012/03/Development-Matters

Topic Information



In Nursery and Reception we plan to meet the diverse needs of all our children through Topics, with an emphasis on *Learning Through Play* and following the children's interests.

This term our topic is **Magical Me!** Where we will begin by focussing on

All About Me, then learning about friends and families and people all around us.

As well as all our fantastic 5 senses!



We will incorporate Black History Month into our planning in October, through a range of stories.

All children will participate in daily Phonics Sessions, matched to their ability. Reception children will work towards age/ability appropriate targets in specific areas of their learning, according to their needs.

Lost Property



We are also amazed by the amount of lost property that we manage to accumulate so quickly in EYFS! We try very hard to remind children to hang their items on their own pegs but inevitably this does not always happen. Please check the Lost Property tub in the front entrance of EYFS if your child has mislaid something.

Please LABEL all your child's clothing clearly so that we can match it back to them.

Reading

Every Thursday morning your child will be invited to choose a book to take home and read with someone. Reception children will also take a book home to read which is matched to their individual ability. Please also enjoy the school library which is open after school each day and on Tuesdays Ruth will be there too.

Parent Reading

If you are interested in doing some voluntary reading we would love to have you! Please let your class teacher know when you are available.



Book Bags

Your child will be given a Chisenhale School Book Bag when they start school in September. If the bags are lost, replacements can be bought from the school Office. Please encourage your child to bring the bag in each day so that they can put their reading books inside, as well as any school letters, homework (Reception only) as well as any work that they want to take home. Please check inside your child's book bag daily.



Spare Clothes

Please provide your child with spare clothes in case they get wet at school. If you have any old school uniform or clothes that don't fit your child anymore, we are always delighted to accept them. We never have enough spare clothes and we love messy play!