



Pips Curriculum Information – Spring 2019








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Your children have all experienced their first term in 'Big School' and we are now ready for more exciting learning in the **Spring Term of 2019!** Your children are now settled into Pips Class routines and are beginning to understand the importance of listening to adults and each other to get the most from their nursery education. We have some exciting topics to explore this term – People who help us, Chinese New Year, New Life – Minibeasts and Easter. Watch this space for news on each of these topics. Many working parents and carers are taking advantage of 30 free hours of nursery education. If you are not eligible for this provision, there are still some places for afternoon sessions that you can pay for.

Staff: Your child will still be taught by myself, Mrs Gleeson – Class Teacher and EYFS Lead, Miss Scarborough and Miss Pastore, who are very experienced Early Years Professionals. Mrs Turner will be leading our music session and Mr Wyatt will be assisting with our PE sessions.

EYFS Curriculum Information:

<p>Communication and Language</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Listening carefully to questions and giving a response • Speaking in simple sentences • Being polite – saying please and thank you • Asking questions • Understanding instructions • Learning about Rhyme and Alliteration in our phonics sessions
<p>Physical development</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Busy fingers every morning to help develop finger and hand strength • Learning how to hold a pencil and use it to mark make/create letter shapes • Moving in different ways as part of child initiated learning and PE • Developing core strength as part of the Colour Puzzle programme • Learning about healthy eating and exercise
<p>Personal, social and emotional development</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Renewing friendships and making new friends • Understanding the class rules and following them • Playing on their own, with friends and in larger groups • Confidently talking about their wants, needs and wishes • Learning the circle time rules about speaking, listening, looking, thinking and concentrating
<p>Literacy</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Listening to stories • Make a comment during story time • Answering questions • Choosing library books to bring home • Recognising and trying to trace, copy or write their names
<p>Mathematics</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Counting • Counting objects – saying one number name for each object counted • Knowing the number that is one more than a given number • Talking about the day and date each morning • Learning the names of some shapes and being able to describe them • Recognising numerals
<p>Understanding the World</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exploring sound as part of our technology sessions • Using the CD player with their friends to listen carefully to stories and rhymes • Learning about Chinese New Year • Learning about the Christian festival of Easter • Exploring how they are the same and different from other children
<p>Expressive arts and design</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Singing songs and rhymes • Playing musical instruments • Learning how to mix paints and use water colours • Playing imaginatively in role play areas and with small world resources • Taking part in the EYFS production!! (Watch this space)



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Class Information:

Home Learning: Home learning will be given out on Wednesdays and needs to be returned to school the following Monday. Sometimes we have a home learning project that lasts 2 weeks and sometimes we have home learning as part of a whole school theme.

Library Books: Children will have the opportunity to choose a library book to bring home every week. If you wish your child to change their library book more often, you are welcome to do this with your child as part of the morning routine.

PE: PE day continues to be Wednesday. Your children need to come into school ready for PE in their PE kit with trainers on. They do not need to bring uniform into school on this day.

Important Dates:

1 st day spring term:	Monday 7 th January 2019
Half Term:	Monday 18 th February to Sunday 24 th February
Back to School:	Monday 25 th February
INSET day:	Monday 4 th March – No school for children
EYFS Production:	Tuesday 26 th March (dress rehearsal) and Wednesday 27 th and Thursday 28 th March
Awards Assembly:	Wednesday 3 rd April
Musical Assembly:	Thursday 4 th April
Last day of term:	Friday 5 th April (2pm finish)



Help at Home:

For more information on what your child is doing in school as well as how to support your child in their learning, please refer to the class blog on the website as well as information in the Parents section.

We are all looking forward to another successful term in Pips.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Gleeson