



## Pips Curriculum Information – Summer 2019

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Your children are now entering their last term as a nursery (Pips) pupil - **Summer Term of 2019!** I cannot believe how quickly this year has gone and how much your children have grown up while they have been with us. We have a very exciting term and everyone in school is excited about teaching the children new things and giving them exciting experiences related to our topics. We have two topics this term – Traditional Tales in the first half of the term and then Space Travel after half term. We have planned lots of fun activities relating to Goldilocks, the three little pigs, the three Billy Goats Gruff and lots more. We have our special visitors coming into school for a space workshop. They will be telling your children all about the planets and space as well as sharing an exciting space journey with two little aliens called The Zula Patrol. If you have not already paid for this, you can do so via Schoolcoms.

*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 Marsden-Day is returning to work gradually after recovering from her back surgery, so you will see her more and more as we move through the term. Mrs Turner will be leading our music sessions and Mr Wyatt will be assisting with our PE sessions.

### EYFS Curriculum Information:

<p><b>Communication and Language</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Listening carefully to questions and giving a response</li> <li>• Speaking in sentences and giving adults more information when asked</li> <li>• Understanding that stories have a beginning, middle and end and be able to talk about the different parts.</li> <li>• Learn about the sounds that different letters make different sounds</li> <li>• Identifying the first sound they hear in simple words</li> <li>• Singing lots of songs and taking part in the end of term music assembly</li> </ul>
<p><b>Physical development</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Busy fingers every morning to help develop finger and hand strength</li> <li>• Learning how to hold a pencil and use it to mark make/create letter shapes</li> <li>• Writing our first names using correctly formed letters</li> <li>• Moving in different ways as part of child initiated learning and PE</li> <li>• Developing core strength as part of the Colour Puzzle programme</li> <li>• Learning about healthy eating and exercise</li> <li>• Learning new skills ready for sports day</li> </ul>
<p><b>Personal, social and emotional development</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Renewing friendships and making new friends</li> <li>• Following the class rules consistently</li> <li>• Helping our friends when they are upset or need support to complete a task</li> <li>• Understanding that it is ok to get something wrong – even adults do not get it right all the time</li> <li>• Being kind and helpful</li> </ul>
<p><b>Literacy</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Talk about the stories we read in greater depth</li> <li>• Sequencing events in stories and use words like – first, then, next, finally...</li> <li>• Deciding what is the same and different about versions of the same book</li> <li>• Recall a range of traditional tales and answer questions about them</li> <li>• Using non-fiction/information books to find out about space and space travel</li> </ul>
<p><b>Mathematics</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recognising numerals</li> <li>• Add practically by joining two sets of objects together</li> <li>• Work out one more and one less by adding one or taking one away</li> <li>• Naming 2D and 3D shapes and describing them in their own words</li> <li>• Measure time using a sand timer or stopwatch</li> </ul>
<p><b>Understanding the World</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exploring programmable toys as part of our computing lessons</li> <li>• Using the CD player with their friends to listen carefully to stories and rhymes</li> <li>• Learning about different versions of The Creation</li> </ul>
<p><b>Expressive arts and design</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Singing songs and rhymes</li> <li>• Playing musical instruments</li> <li>• Learning how to mix paints and use water colours</li> <li>• Creating pictures of characters in books</li> <li>• Playing imaginatively in role play areas and with small world resources</li> </ul>



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### Class Information:

*Home Learning:* Home learning will to 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 on Monday 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. This term we are asking that PE kit is brought into school at the beginning of term and remains in school all the time, except when it needs to be washed. Initially adults in school will help children to change for PE but by the end of the summer term each child should be able to do this independently without losing any of their belongings!**

### Important Dates:

1 <sup>st</sup> day summer term:	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April 2019
Bank Holiday (No school):	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May
New to Reception meeting:	Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> May 9am (This is for nursery children who have been allocated a reception place at Brockswood)
Half Term:	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> May to Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June
Back to School:	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June
Planetarium Visit:	Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> June
Transition Day:	Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> July (This is for nursery children who have been allocated a reception place at Brockswood)
Sports Day:	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> July
Awards Assembly:	Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> July
Open Evening/International Day	Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> July 3.30pm – 8.00pm
Musical Assembly:	Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> July
Last day of term:	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July – 2pm



### 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