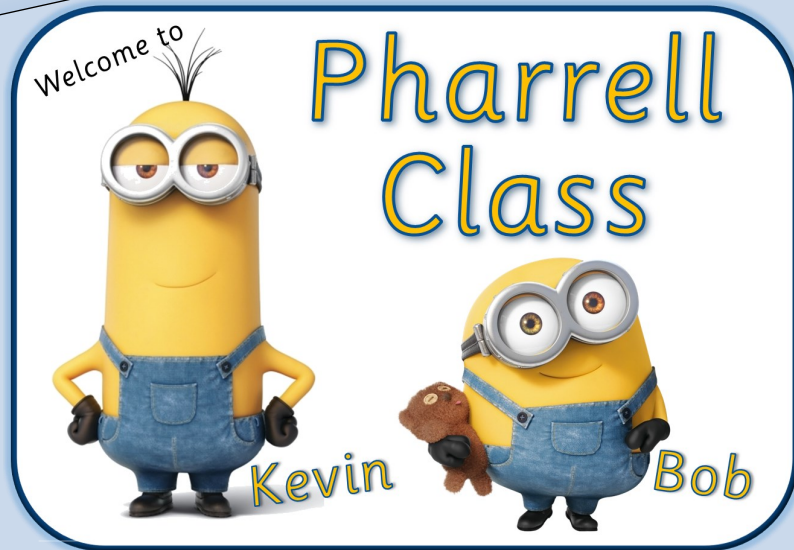


Binstead Primary School
Autumn Term 1 2024
Curriculum Information Year R

Welcome to



Meet the team ...



Mrs Mitchell
ClassTeacher



Mrs Vale

We have been pleased to welcome you and your children to Pharrell Class and we are very proud of the way all the children have settled into school.

For your information ...

- Please bring reading book bags to school every day. Reading books **must** be kept in book bags.
- Please check book bags regularly for any important letters or information.
- Children may put a small keyring on their book bag to help them identify it. Only **1 small keyring** please!
- Once you receive a reading book, it is important that your child reads **everyday**.
- Our PE day is on a Monday. Children will change into their PE kit at school. PE bags will stay at school all week in case a change of clothes is needed.
- Please name all of the children's clothes; this includes jumpers, trousers, skirts, shirts, shoes and PE Kit. As clothes are washed, names fade, so please re-write when necessary.
- Please tie long hair back each day and no earrings to be worn on PE days.

Dough Disco

Each morning the children enjoy 'dough disco'.

What is dough disco? It involves moulding play dough in time to music and performing different actions such as rolling it into a ball, flattening it, putting each individual finger into the dough, rolling it into a sausage and squeezing it.

Why do we do 'dough disco'? This is exercise for the fingers to improve fine motor control and gross motor skills. The children need to have strong muscles in their arms and hands to enable them to write effectively. Doing these simple, fun exercises will help your child prepare for writing.



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Phonics

In our phonics lessons, we will be learning to listen for the different phonemes (sounds) that we can hear in words. We will be blending phonemes together to help us begin to read words.

The children will learn 4 letters each week. They will receive handwriting sheets each Friday for you to support letter formation at home.

Mathematics

In Maths we will be counting, ordering and recognising our numbers to 5 and then 10. We will subitise numbers to 5.

We will also be looking at 2D shapes and their properties.

We will be going on a shape hunt to find shapes in our environment.



Me, Myself and I

For the first part of this term we will be getting to know each other and looking at ourselves.

We will be comparing the colour of our hair, eyes and skin and talking about our families and our homes.

We will be looking at our senses, what they are and how they help us every day. We will be making big ears, testing our smell with smelling pots, trying blind taste tests, touching objects in a feelie box and looking at close up pictures to test our eye sight.



Our next topic is 'Autumn'

We will be:

- ◆ Talking about the different seasons.
- ◆ Looking at the weather to see how it is beginning to change.
- ◆ Looking at the trees and how the leaves are changing.
- ◆ Creating Autumn pictures using different media and seeing what happens when we mix colours.
- ◆ Going on a walk around the school grounds to look for signs of Autumn.



How can you help at home?

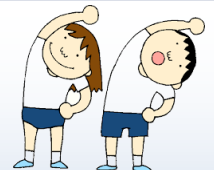
Please remember to check Class Dojo regularly to enjoy photographs and video clips of your child's activities and learning. It is also possible for you to upload your own photographs of activities you have shared at home.

Please read with your child everyday and record this in their reading record.

Support your child as they practise writing their letters and see if they can say the sounds for each one. Perhaps you could look for items at home beginning with each sound.

PE

Our PE day is Monday.



In our PE lessons we will be learning to move safely and how to use equipment to develop our skills.