



Welcome to... EYFS!

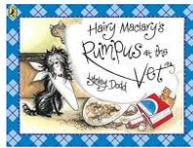
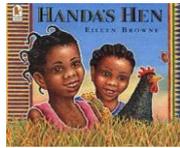
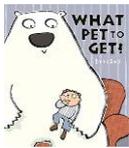


Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) at Bournmoor Primary School. Things may be a little bit different this year, but we are so excited to be back and we are looking forward to the wide variety of enriching learning experiences to come this year.

What we will be reading this half term

We are looking forward to starting our topic this half term, 'Pets and Vets'. The stories that we will be focusing on throughout this topic are 'What Pet to Get?' by Emma Dodd, 'Handa's Hen' by Eileen Browne, and 'Hairy Maclary's Rumpus at the Vet' by Lynley Dodd.



PE



We will have PE every week on **Wednesday afternoon** and **Thursday morning**. We will begin by focusing on 'multi-skills' where we will work on our balance, co-ordination, reaction and timing through lots of fun games and activities.

Please note, **earrings must be removed for PE lessons**. Also, for the continued health and safety of our pupils, we are aiming to be an 'earring free' school. Your support in this is greatly appreciated.

PE kit

Due to the current situation with COVID-19, **we will not be asking children to bring a PE kit for the first half term**.

Instead, we ask that you ensure that your child is wearing suitable footwear (such as trainers) to school on our PE days. We will review this decision at half term.

Please continue to encourage your child to get dressed independently at home as this is a vital skill. This will help to prepare them for when we re-introduce PE kits.

Snack



We provide the children with a free, healthy snack each day. This is usually a piece of fruit or a vegetable. **This means that they do not need to bring their own snack**.

Drinks

Children may bring a water bottle each day that they can access at any point. Please note that **bottles should contain water only**. Juice and other alternatives are not permitted as we are a healthy school – thank you for your continued support with this. Please also ensure that these **bottles are clearly labelled with your child's name**.

All children under the age of 5 also receive a free carton of milk each day. Once your child turns 5, if you would like them to continue having milk each day, you can register for them to have it and pay for it through the 'Cool Milk' website – www.coolmilk.com



Outdoor Clothing

We have a fantastic outdoor space and are keen to use it in all weathers.

In order to ensure this is possible please ensure that your child has the following:

- **Wellies (to be kept in school)**
- **A warm, waterproof coat**



Reading



Reading in school

We share stories with your child every day in both small groups and as a whole class. We also listen to your child read on a one-to-one regularly. These sessions aim to provide more focussed teaching of reading skills tailored to your child, and also inform our assessments.

Reading at home

New reading books will be sent home in your child's book bag every **Friday**. Please return these by the following **Wednesday**. **Please sign** your child's reading diary to confirm that they have read at home, as **books will only be changed if the record has been signed to say that they have read it**. You are also very welcome to record any comments.

Nursery children will bring home a picture story book that you can share together. We do not expect them to be able to read the words, the aim is simply for you to read with them and encourage them to develop a love of reading alongside early reading skills such as talking about the pictures and turning the pages.

Reception children will receive a reading book based on their latest phonic assessment. Their reading level will be reviewed at the end of the half term, or earlier if appropriate. This may mean that the colour band of their book will change.

Home Learning

Every **Friday** the children will be sent home with a newsletter with a summary of what we have been learning about during the week. Reception children will also receive some flashcards with any sounds and tricky words that they have learnt that week to practise at home.

As you may be aware, we use 'Tapestry' to record our observations of your child's learning in school. Parents also have access to this where you can view our observations, but also add your own of your child's learning and achievements at home. This has been very successful in previous years.

MAGIC MOMENTS

One of the things you can record on Tapestry is a 'Magic Moment'. This is anything that is a **proud achievement** for your child. It could be something like learning to ride their bike or dressing themselves independently. We will then celebrate these moments in school by sharing them on our class display!

From time to time, we also may give you some learning challenges to complete at home. You can also record these on Tapestry, too!



Spare Uniform

In Early Years, we appreciate that children may occasionally have accidents. When this happens, we support the children to get changed in accordance with guidelines in our Intimate Care Policy. **Please send your child to school with a set of spare clothes, including pants, all clearly labelled in a recognisable bag.**



Can we help?

We understand that this year may be challenging and daunting for pupils as they become used to new hygiene routines and different layouts around school. Please be assured that we will do everything we can to ensure that your child finds school a safe, fun and welcome environment.

If you have any concerns or questions, please contact the school via e-mail or telephone. We are always happy to help and want to work with you to ensure your child achieves the best they can be in EYFS!

Thank you for your support. We look forward to the year ahead!

Miss Pigg & the EYFS Team 😊

