



# Welcome to... EYFS!

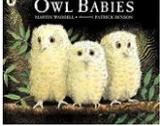


Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) at Bournmoor Primary School. We have had a fantastic first full week and are excited for 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, 'Magical Me!'. The stories that we will be reading throughout this topic are:

 <p><b>Pete the Cat: Rocking in my School Shoes</b> by Eric Litwin</p>	 <p><b>Super Duper You</b> by Sophy Henn</p>	
 <p><b>Funnybones</b> by Janet and Allan Ahlberg</p>	 <p><b>The Growing Story</b> by Ruth Krauss</p>	 <p><b>Owl Babies</b> by Martin Waddell</p>

## PE

We will have PE on the following days:

- **Monday morning** with Mr Elliott
- **Friday afternoon** with Miss Pigg

### PE kit

Please ensure that your child has a **full PE kit** which is to be kept at school until the end of each half term. It is very important that all items are **clearly labelled with your child's full name** to avoid any losses or mix ups.

The children will be encouraged to **get dressed independently** both before and after the session. This is a vital skill that they will develop throughout EYFS and your support in this is greatly appreciated.

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 also greatly appreciated.



## 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 should 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](http://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 on a one-to-one basis, in small groups and as a whole class. The one-to-one 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.



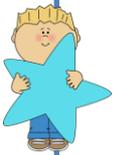
## Home Learning

A newsletter will be sent to all parents and carers via text every Friday with a summary of what we have been learning about during the week and some ideas for activities you could complete at home linked to this learning. Reception children will also receive some flashcards with any sounds and tricky words that they have learnt that week in their phonics sessions to practise at home.

As you may be aware, we use 'Tapestry' to record our observations of your child's learning in school. Parents and carers 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, 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?

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 😊

