



Welcome to EYFS (Early Years Foundation Stage)! We are looking forward to getting to know your child as they begin their learning journey with us at Netherfield! The children have enjoyed their first full week, and we have lots of exciting fun learning activities planned for this half term.

If there is anything you wish to discuss then please don't hesitate to approach any of us either in person, email via the office, or over Class Dojo.

The Foundation Stage 2 Team

Fireflies – Miss Deluce (Class Teacher) and Miss Gwynn-Jones (TA)

Dragonflies – Mrs Buckland (Class Teacher), Miss Leaper (TA), Miss Kelly (TA), Mrs Flynn (TA) and Miss Dudley (TA)

Key dates and extra information

17th September – Parent Phonics Meeting 3.15pm – 3.45pm (In Dragonflies Classroom)

18th October - Last day of the half term

20th October – Half Term Holiday (2 Weeks)

4th November - Return to school

6th & 7th November - Parents Evenings

13th December (pm) - Christmas Market

18th December – F2 Christmas Performance

20th December Last day of term & Christmas Activity Day

PE

PE is on a Monday and a Friday with Mr Crone and Miss Swift. Children are requested to come to school in PE kit which they will wear for the whole day. Please remember to remove earrings before children come to school.

Our theme this term is 'My World'

Our Key Learning Questions are:

- What are emotions and why are we important?
- My life and Family History
- How have I changed?
- Why are we special?
- How have things changed?
- Celebrations around the world.
- Seasonal Changes

Our topics enable us to explore how unique and special we all are, how things have changed and learn about celebrations around the world. We will use a range of books and stories including:

- Colour Monster by Anna Llenas
- Super Duper You by Sophie Henn
- Peepo – Allan Ahlberg
- The Scarecrow's Wedding – Julia Donaldson
- Pumpkin's Soup – Helen Cooper



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Phonics

This term we will be teaching daily phonic lessons, starting with Phase 2. We teach the children how to say and write each letter. The phoneme is how we say the letter sound and the grapheme is how we write the letter.

Reading

We want children to develop a love of reading. We read and share books every day in class and love hearing what their favourite books are. The children will read in a group three times a week which will start later in the term. They will read a book linked to their phonics ability. The children will learn how to blend and segment words to support them with their reading and also their writing. The children will also bring a library book home to share with you. We know life is busy, but 10 minutes a day sharing a book together, really does make a huge impact.

Maths

In maths the children will be learning to match, sort and compare objects and pictures. We will be talking about measure and patterns. We will also be looking at shapes and numbers up to 5. When looking at numbers, we will be counting, matching written numerals and objects and recognising 1 more and one less.

Learning Labs

In our indoor and outdoor learning labs the children are encouraged to explore and investigate. They are able to choose what they want to explore, and their learning experience is enhanced and developed through adult open-ended questioning.