

Barleyhurst Park Primary School

Welcome to
Lions Class



Ourselves
Lions Class
Autumn 1 2024



A warm welcome to all the children and parents to Barleyhurst Park Primary School.



It was so lovely to meet all of you last academic year in the Summer Term and I hope you had a great break.

It was also wonderful to welcome everyone back on Thursday and the atmosphere in school was delightful. The children came into school looking very smart and full of excitement. I could see that they were looking forward to beginning their adventure as Lovely Lions.

This half term the children will be thinking about themselves and others. We hope that through this topic we will get to know each other a little better by sharing stories and experiences that shaped ourselves so far.

Settling in

First and foremost we aim to settle your child into a routine which is both secure for them and also flexible enough to be exciting. The children will be learning to care for their own property and asking for help when needed.

They will also be getting to know the adults in the school and, more importantly, making new friends.



It is a time when they are expected to participate in much larger groups than they are probably used to. They will be learning to take turns and put their hands up to answer a question or be part of a class discussion. These things do not always come easily, but are always positively encouraged and praised.

What the children will be learning

Communication and Language

- Listening attentively to adults and their peers
- Expressing their needs and emotions, asking for help
- Answering questions and talking about themselves
- Learning and using new vocabulary confidently



Literacy

- Development of early phonics, letter recognition and formation
- Development of reading skills and enjoyment of books through individual, group and whole class reading of stories, poems and non-fiction books
- Opportunities to practise emergent writing
- Name recognition and name writing

Mathematics

- Counting games and songs
- Counting out given amounts and labelling the amount



- Reading, writing, ordering and counting numbers 1 to 10
- Understanding the composition of numbers to 5 initially (number bonds)
- Development of mathematical language through play.

Understanding the World



The children will be thinking about their:

- family
- feelings
- home and school community

Expressive Arts and Design

The children will be using and developing their artistic skills to create their own:

- Collage self-portraits
- Pictures of a family member using an iPad
- Photo frames to display a family photo
- Collage, painting and printing using a variety of media
- Exploring musical instruments
- Singing familiar and new songs



The children will be able to experience different role play areas.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

- Activities to encourage independence, concentration and confidence
- Developing strong relationships and managing emotions
- Create classroom values which the children follow and believe in
- Learning together skills (as part of our whole school Learning and life skills approach)
- Learning about healthy eating and managing personal needs



Physical Development



- Awareness of space during P.E sessions
- To use large and small play equipment
- Development of core strength, stability, balance, co-ordination and agility
- To develop fine and gross motor skills through play activities
- To hold a pencil to form recognisable letters

Your support

Please support your children by:



- Reading different types of texts with them regularly
- Reading their Monster Phonics books online
- Reading their focus and high frequency words (see reading record)
- Encouraging the children to answer a range of questions about the books they've read
- Completing short learning journal tasks
- Reminding them to bring their book bag and the reading record to school every day
- Ensuring their belongings are named
- Making sure they bring in a named water bottle to use in class
- Ensuring they come to school wearing their P.E. kit, hair tied up (if long) and earrings covered or removed on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays (our PE days)

There will be some yellow stars in your child's book bag soon. We want to celebrate what's happening at home, as well as school. It could be something like moving up swimming groups or eating peas at dinner time without moaning! Please write down your child's success and we will share, celebrate and display it.



Library

Lions go to the library every Friday. Please make sure your child has their library book in their book bag so they can swap it for a new one.

Important dates:

BOOK WEEK - WEEK COMMENCING 16TH OCTOBER

LAST DAY OF TERM - FRIDAY 25TH OCTOBER

You will be getting an email in the next couple of weeks regarding Tapestry, our online learning platform, which some of you are already familiar with. You will then need to activate your account in order to view our observations of the children and perhaps posting your own observations/comments/home tasks!
Tapestry can also be used to send messages to me.

Thank you for your continued support. Please don't hesitate to speak to myself or a member of the Foundation Team if any issue occurs.

We are very excited and looking forward to teaching and supporting the Lovely Lions.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Breitigam and the Foundation Team



"Lovely lions look, listen and learn.

We can do it, we will do it, we will do it well!"