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Bumble Bees

Dear Parents/Carers;

Every week on a Friday we will send out a letter telling you what's ahead for your child in Bumble Bees. I wanted to make sure that you know what's going on in Bumble Bees as children may not tell you what they've learnt, what activities they've been doing or even who they played with.

Make sure you continue to check the PARENTMAIL APP to keep up to date.

Children in Bumble Bees are taught an adapted curriculum based on what the rest of their Year Group are doing. In Bumble Bees we modify the work for the needs of your children, so sometimes we will do different activities. Bumble Bee's children from Year 1 and 2 will take part in a short whole-class teaching sessions, followed by a wide range of carefully planned activities to consolidate their learning in class and outdoors. Children from Reception will soon be directed to join in with small group activities led by an adult. Where appropriate, children are supported one-to-one with an adult to complete their activities.

We encourage children to explore the outside area whatever the weather. Please make sure they have welly boots and a suitable coat for all weather conditions.

Please remember:

- ✓ Children need slippers and their names written in everything
- ✓ No hooped earrings (we recommend no studs either)
- ✓ Yellow school book bags everyday

- School begins at 8:55am
- School ends at 3:15pm
- Children will now come straight to Bumble Bees and be collected from there at the end of the day.
- Children will receive a healthy school lunch every day
- They will bring home a new book to read everyday
- Please provide Wellie boots and rain coats for rainy days,



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Everyone will....

This week children will continue to follow their schedule to develop the daily routine. Children will be encouraged to complete activities at their workstations.

Topic teach and writing: Continue to look and learn about Mice. This week we will explore mice babies and look at nocturnal animals.

Maths: This week we will begin to count sets of objects and find out how many we have altogether.

Please have a little look at the **blue box** below. I will be putting something new in it each week for you to do. Sometimes it will be about what parents can do, other times it will be for children to make something with you. Please read and enjoy the different activities and let me know how it goes. Remember to tweet pictures too!



Family Learning together

We are looking at counting sets of objects. Can you group some teddy bears/dolls together and find out how many you have altogether?

Yellow Books & Reading

Children in Year 1 and 2 will bring home a yellow homework book. This will contain sounds and words for your child to learn.

Please complete this homework with your child and return to school each week for a new piece to go in.

I hope you find this information useful, and we are all looking forward to seeing what you have done when you return to school.

Yours sincerely,
Lauren Skeels
Bumble Bees Teacher



Bumble Bee's weekly timetable.

Bumble Bees Timetable WB: 11th October	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
08:55	<i>Welcome and settling period. Children find their photo to complete their self registration, then check their schedule.</i>				
09:15	<i>Good morning song and Topic teach</i>				
Topic Teach	<i>I am learning all about Mice.</i>				
All day inside	Workstation				
	I can complete my activities at the workstation	I can complete my activities at the workstation	I can complete my activities at the workstation	I can complete my activities at the workstation	I can complete my activities at the workstation
	Creative table				
	I can explore mark making. I can draw a picture of my pet or the pet I would like.				
	Directed activities.				
	I can match the feelings and emotion cards.	I can spread cheese onto crackers.	I can make marks using crayons.	I can roll, squash and squeeze playdough	I can match coloured bears to mats.
	UW & Messy Play				
	I can explore the building blocks.	I can explore coloured balls and sensory objects.	I can explore different types of animals.	I can explore the road mat and cars.	I can explore the stickle bricks.
	Story related activities				
	This week children will listen to stories with the adult				
	We will be modelling language from the story and exploring some of the food from the story to provide the children with real life experiences.				
Outdoor freeflow 9:45 - 11:25	Free Flow Activities				
	We will be doing the following activities outside in the playground. These support gross-motor development, as well as teaching children listening skills, sharing, turn-taking, and social skills:				
	Mud kitchen, sand in the builders tray, bikes, climbing frame, grass area for running, balls for throwing catching and kicking				
11:45-1:00	Lunch time:				
	Children are encouraged to try new foods. Afterwards children join their bubble for playtime where they have opportunities to learn new social skills with a wider range of children.				
1:00-14:55	Afternoon				
	We repeat the activities for the morning to extend the learning opportunities				
Home time	Don't forget we are happy to speak to you about your child's day. At home read stories with your children and encourage them to talk about what they can see in the pictures using appropriate language.				

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