

Autumn Term 2022

EYFS Curriculum Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to The Gates Primary School! We hope your child has enjoyed their first days with us. We have enjoyed getting to know you and your children and help them to settle into school. Thank you for your support with this, we appreciate what an exciting yet nervous time this can be for everyone. We are currently assessing the children in preparation for starting our phonics program, maths activities and topic work. If you have any questions or concerns we are here to help please send an email to office@thegates.bolton.sch.uk

The EYFS Team

This terms topic overview...

- **Baseline Assessment** (this is where we have the opportunity to know your children more and plan their next steps.
- **All About Me** – families, friends, interests, traditions, homes...
- **Autumn** – Percy the Park Keeper Stories, seasonal changes, nature walk...
- **Bonfire Night** – Guy Fawkes, Fire Safety, Fireworks...
- **Diwali** – the story of Rama and Sita, traditions...
- **Christmas** – The Nativity Story, Christmas Production, Visit from Santa...

Class Names

As you may have noticed every class in school has a bird name. We are the Penguin Class! Staff in the Penguin class are: Mrs Jarrett, Miss Altham, Mrs Higginbottom, Mrs Mort and Miss Dolan.



Please ensure your child brings a coat and school bag each day. Also can you please make sure that **everything** is labelled with your child's name...even shoes!

Snack Money

We request a voluntary contribution of £1 week for snack in EYFS. Snack money should be put in a named envelope each week. There is also an option to pay termly, please contact the office if you have any questions.



Physical Development

We provide opportunities for children to develop both their gross motor and fine motor skills every day through both our indoor and outdoor classrooms. Part of the curriculum focuses on dressing and undressing independently; this is something you can help with at home. **Children will not require a P.E kit until later in the year.**



Independence

A big part of Early Years is to foster children's independence. This can be putting their own coats on, going to the toilet independently, and taking their shoes on and off, washing their hands and using a knife and fork at lunch. We focus on many of these areas in school and support children in becoming independent. We also ask that these are things you work on with your child at home on a day to day basis.

Our School Twitter page

We have a school twitter page which we update regularly. You can see all the exiting things we have been getting up to in school and how hard the children are all working. Please give us a follow to keep updated!



Seesaw is an app we use to track your child's learning and progress during their time in EYFS. We will send out additional information on how you can use this app to share WOW moments from home with us in school.

Junk

We love junk modelling and creating in Early Years so we would be so grateful if you would save us and cardboard boxes, tubes, tins (not sharp), bottles and bottle lids. Please ensure that everything is clean.

We are also looking for some bigger items to use in our outside classroom; cable reels (big and small), guttering, wood planks. If you are able to help with these materials please speak to Mrs Jarrett.

Thank you for your support.