



# Autumn Term 2020

## 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 helping them settle into school. Thank you for your support with this. 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](mailto:office@thegates.bolton.sch.uk)

The EYFS Team ☺

### This terms topic overview...

- **Baseline Assessment** (this is where we assess where the children are with the curriculum)
- **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...

### Curriculum Night...

We will be creating a Curriculum video to share with you this term. This will be an opportunity for staff to further explain what children will be doing in school, how children are taught, strategies to help at home and we will share the end of year expectations. After this video you will then receive your child's reading book and diary. In the mean time you can help support your child at home by sharing books at home, talk about their day, counting, colouring in, playing with playdough etc.

### 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, Mrs Lenagan, Mrs Parnell, Mrs Higginbottom, Mrs Mort and Mrs Blundell.



### 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. If paying termly, the amount will change due to the different number of weeks in each term.



### 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 lots 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.

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!



### Evidence Me

Evidence Me 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.



### School Blog and Twitter!

Please check our school blog regularly. There are lots of photographs of what we have been up to in school and of special events. We also put homework up on there too. If you have a problem logging in please let one of the EYFS staff know and we can resolve the problem as soon as we can. Please feel free to add comments to the blogs as this is something the children love to read.

