

22<sup>nd</sup> September 2020

Dear EYFS Parents & Carers,

**RE: EYFS Curriculum**

I am writing to inform you about some exciting changes that will be happening in our Early Year Foundation Stage this year.

Children in the Nursery and Year R follow the EYFS curriculum. This year we have signed up to become Early Adopters of the new EYFS, which will become statutory from September 2021. This will give us a head start in planning for and implementing the changes.

The safeguarding and welfare requirements of the 2017 EYFS will continue to apply and have been included in the EYFS reforms 'Early Adopter Framework'. At the end of the academic year 2020/21 we will complete the EYFS Profile as set out in the EYFS reforms 'Early Adopter Framework' for all children in Year R.

If you would like to see the new framework, you can see it here.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/early-adopter-schools-eyfs-framework>

There are 3 Prime Areas and 4 Specific Areas of learning. They are as follows and have not changed:

Prime Areas	Specific Areas
Communication & Language	Literacy
Personal, Social & Emotional Development	Mathematics
Physical Development	Understanding the World
	Expressive Arts & Design

These areas are broken down further and some changes have been made here. The changes seem very positive and set out clear guidelines about what children in the Nursery and Year R should be experiencing.

Communication & Language	Listening, Attention & Understanding	Speaking	
Personal, Social & Emotional Development	Self-Regulation	Managing Self	Building Relationships
Physical Development	Gross Motor Skills	Fine Motor Skills	
Literacy	Comprehension	Word Reading	Writing
Mathematics	Number	Numerical Patterns	
Understanding the World	Past & Present	People, Culture and Communities	The Natural World
Expressive Arts & Design	Creating with Materials	Being Expressive & imaginative	

We are very excited to be part of this scheme and are looking forward to working with your children over the coming year. If you have any questions, please contact me at [gjury-sofi@west-borough.kent.sch.uk](mailto:gjury-sofi@west-borough.kent.sch.uk) and I will endeavour to answer your questions.

Yours faithfully,

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