

Welcome

Welcome to Year R. We look forward to sharing your child's learning experiences with you over the year.

This term is all about settling in, getting to know each other, exploring the school environment and having fun with both old and new friends. This curriculum newsletter is intended to give you an overview of the learning this term.

Information to help your child settle at Nova Primary:

- School opens at 8.35 am, please use the infant playground door. You may stay with your child, help them with an activity, look at their work and settle them in for the first 10 minutes of the day. When you come to collect please go to the bike sheds by the Year 1 classrooms. Children are released to you from the long corridor.
- Children have fruit during the morning and a carton of milk until they are 5 years old. Once children are 5 years old they may bring in a drink of milk or you may pay the dairy to continue having milk cartons. Water is always available for children to drink.
- We do PE once a week and from October half term children will need a PE kit in school – a pair of black shorts, a Nova Primary T-shirt and trainers/plimsolls/daps, all clearly **named!**
- We ask that children bring a **named** water bottle into school so that they can have water throughout the day as and when they need a drink.
- Once children have settled in we will send more information about school reading books.



Topic: All about me and my school

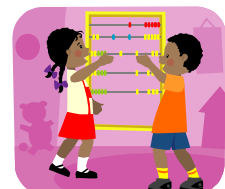
Children will be introduced to school and classroom routines and will be encouraged to follow them independently. We shall learn about the different places and people in the school environment and how to find our way around.

After half term we will be exploring different children's interests and taking our topics from what the children are enjoying at that time. Watch this space.....



Maths:

During the term your child will be encouraged to join in with number rhymes and to find numbers in the environment. We shall be counting groups of objects, comparing quantities and finding 1 more or less from a group of objects. Children will be given lots of opportunities to develop these skills through practical games and problem solving activities.





Literacy:

We shall be practising speaking and listening skills through regular Circle Times, role play, stories and practical games. As these skills develop, children will be introduced to 4 single letter sounds per week and they will then use them to make, read and spell simple words. We also encourage emergent writing during play activities and continue to practise writing our names.

What can you do to support your child?

- Sing Nursery Rhymes
- Share books with your child
- Practise recognising and writing first and surname
- Practise saying number names in order
- Count and collect groups of objects
- Putting on coats and dressing independently
- Look for numbers in the environment – on the way home or whilst out shopping
- Play listening games such as I spy or Simon says
- Write shopping lists with your child before you go shopping

Useful websites

<http://alphablocks.tv/>

<http://novaprimarieschool.co.uk>

<http://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/3-5-years/counting>

<http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/Phase2Menu.htm>



Save the date

We will be having a Parents Meeting to inform you of how we teach Phonics (letter sounds) at Nova Primary. This will be on the 2ND of October at either 2.30pm or 5.30pm. Please sign up for a session on your child's classroom door.

We will also be having some open days/evenings for prospective parents with children starting school in September 2018 on:

- Friday 29th September
- Friday 6th October

Please ask for further information.

We hope children settle quickly and easily into reception, but if you do have any worries or concerns then feel free to come and have a chat with us. We look forward to working with you and your child over the course of the year.

Thank you
Mrs Gordon and Miss Winter