



Welcome to Early Years Autumn 2021

We hope your child has enjoyed their first few weeks with us and is settling into the new routine. We are all looking forward to an exciting and full year ahead.

UNIFORM

Our school uniform consists of a black or grey skirt or trousers, these should not be jersey or leggings, a white shirt or blouse and a red sweatshirt or cardigan. Children should also wear black shoes to school- trainers may be worn for PE only. Long hair should be tied back, this helps control the spread of headlice and also keeps your child's working area clear. Any hair accessories should be small and plain coloured. Jewellery and makeup are not permitted, except stud earrings. These must be covered or taken out for PE.

Please can we ask that your child's name is on **everything** - it really helps us to return items to their rightful owners!

PE

We will have PE on **Thursday**. Our P.E. kit consists of our house colour t-shirt, black shorts / leggings or jogging bottoms, black top or school sweatshirt and plimsolls or trainers. Please send your child to school on Thursday wearing their PE kit. If they wear school shoes on Thursday, please bring PE shoes to school in a separate bag.

Tapestry

We will continue to use Tapestry this year to record your child's learning journey in Early Years. We welcome any uploads from parents to show the learning that continues at home as they are an important part in assessing the whole child. If you have any problems logging on the please let us know.

Reading

Reading is very important. Your child will have been given a reading book(s) and a reading diary already. They will also have a speed sounds book which will allow them to practice their knowledge of individual letter sounds. We try very hard to hear each child read at school and we expect children to read at home with an adult five times a week, even if this is just for 5 minutes. Once children are confident with their letter sounds and blending, they will be given a book with words and simple sentences. Before then, please use the wordless books to discuss what is happening in the pictures and to allow your child to tell a story in their own words.

Read Write Inc.

Children in reception have now begun their daily Read Write Inc. sessions where they will be introduced to new sounds and taught the skill of blending to be able to read words independently. Something that can help at home is talking like 'Fred', so saying the sounds for your child to blend orally e.g. "Can you pick up the p-i-g?" We start teaching Read Write Inc. as a whole class and then as children progress, we split into smaller groups depending on the need of each individual child. Words that cannot be sounded out because they make sounds different to those that we learn are called red words (tricky) and those just have to be learnt, for example the, to, go, I, no.

11 BEFORE 11

At Beccles Primary Academy, we commit to giving every child a minimum of 11 adventures beyond the ordinary from the time they join us in Nursery, to when they leave us in Year 6.

11 before 11 takes pupils beyond the usual, outside of the classroom, and inspires them to continue to take on new challenges. Pupils will develop different aspects of their characters, learn new skills, and find out more about themselves through the programme.

In Early Years, our 11 before 11 experiences are Ten Deeds in Ten Days and Seeds to Supper! More details to follow very soon 😊

Early Years Curriculum

Each half term we have a different learning theme. These are as follows:

Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
<i>Main - Me and My Community</i>	<i>Main - Once Upon a Time</i>	<i>Main - Starry Night</i>	<i>Main - Dangerous Dinosaurs</i>	<i>Main - Sunshine and Sunflowers</i>	<i>Main - Big Wide World</i>
<i>Mini - Exploring Autumn</i>	<i>Mini - Sparkle and Shine</i>	<i>Mini - Winter Wonderland</i>	<i>Mini - Puddles and Rainbows</i>	<i>Mini - Shadows and Reflections</i>	<i>Mini - Splash!</i>

Trips and Experiences

All our trips and experiences tie in with our learning themes. This year we have planned:

Trips to Worlingham Woods, One Hundred River Farm and Africa Alive. We are also having the Lifeguards to visit us in the summer term

Exact dates will follow on the Flyer!

Parents

Each half term there will be an opportunity for parents to come into school and share in our learning.

We start with a Teddy Bear's picnic in the summer term, Christmas Carols and Crafts in December, a bedtime story event in Spring 1 followed by Easter Eggs and Art in Spring 2. In the summer term we will be inviting you in for a SHARE afternoon making animal crafts and then joining us for a special assembly at the end of the year.

Watch out for your invitations!

We hope that your child enjoys the challenges and excitement that Early Years has to offer.

If you have any concerns during their time with us, then please arrange to speak to one of us either in person or by telephone.

Thank you

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