



Devon Meadows Primary School

Foundation Newsletter

Term 1

Introducing the Foundation Team!



Classroom Teachers:

Miss Maddy Johnson (FJ) and Mrs Kate O'Beirne (FK)

Education Support:

Katie Jennings,
Chantelle Elliott
Teagan Bailey

Upcoming Dates

11th Feb - Foundation student free day
18th Feb - Foundation student free day
27th Feb- Whole school assembly
9th March - Labour Day (No school)
10th March - Curriculum Day
27th March - Colour Run
3rd April- Good Friday (No School)

Well being

To start the year, Foundation students will participate in a variety of social emotional and wellbeing activities. We will start each day with fine motor activities followed by circle time. Throughout the week, students will also participate in set Wellbeing activities where we will read books, learn about the Zones of Regulation and participate in mindfulness activities such as Cosmic Kids Yoga, Smiling Minds and Play is the Way games.

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Literacy

This term Foundation students will be immersed in PLD, a phonics based program that allows them to learn the most common sound for each letter and how to form our mouth correctly when saying them.

Students will learn actions to accompany each sound.

Our daily English block will run for two hours and consist of regular, short, sharp phonic sessions, reading, oral language and writing activities.

This term students will explore how to retell a story in their own words, make personal connections between a book and themselves and extend their knowledge of a variety of stories and their features. Our oral language focus this term is based on different animals. Students will follow a set structure, allowing them to present their thoughts and ideas to the class with confidence.

Throughout writing, Foundation students will focus on letter formation. Students will explore correct pencil grip using a variety of writing instruments and learn where to place their hands and feet throughout writing activities.

Mathematics

In mathematics this term, Foundation students will be focusing on numbers 0-10 through the use of concrete materials, written work, games and group work.

Students will learn how to order numbers, recognise and write numbers correctly as well as matching quantities, subitising and determining numbers before and after.

Students will be working on the days of the week and using the appropriate vocabulary today, tomorrow and yesterday. We will also look at patterns and algebra and 2D shapes.

Foundation students will enjoy numerous hands on activities to develop and grow their number concepts.

Inquiry

This term Foundation students will partake in an Inquiry unit called 'Amazing Me!' They will share information about themselves, such as what makes them unique, what family celebrations they have and traditions that are significant to them. Through sharing their thoughts and ideas with one another, students will be able to distinguish similarities and differences between themselves and their classmates. Students will explore how they have grown and changed from when they were born to now and create family trees consisting of who lives with them.
